



Perkins, Woerz win; Wood takes Tish District seat



Toby Perkins
Pontotoc District, Seat 1



David Woerz
Pickens District, Seat 1



Scott Wood
Tishomingo District, Seat 1



Nancy Elliott
Pontotoc District, Seat 2



Shana Tate Hammond
Pickens District, Seat 4



Barbara Ann Smith
Supreme Court, Seat 2

Incumbent Chickasaw tribal legislators Toby Perkins and David Woerz were re-elected, and Tishomingo District challenger Scott Wood defeated in-

cumbent legislator D. Scott Colbert in recent elections, Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder has announced. Incumbent legislators Nancy

Elliott (Pontotoc District) and Shana Tate Hammond (Pickens District) received no challenges and retain their legislative seats.

Incumbent Chickasaw Supreme Court Justice Barbara Ann Smith, of Newcastle, will also retain her seat on the court as no other candidates

filed for Seat 2 on the court. Mr. Perkins, Pontotoc District Seat 1 incumbent, received 2,344 votes to defeat challeng-
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Pauline Walker
Chickasaw elder Pauline Walker dies at age 92

Well-known and well-respected throughout the Chickasaw Nation, Pauline Walker, 92, died Tuesday, July 31 in Ada, Okla. Services were Friday, August
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Annual Meeting, Festival kicks off Sept. 28 in Tishomingo



The robust Spirit of the Chickasaw Nation will be celebrated during the 2012 Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival, Sept. 28 through

Oct. 6. "Chickasaw people have always held fast to an unconquerable spirit throughout our
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Tribe, Sundance present 'Film Forward' indigenous films at Cultural Center

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation, in collaboration with the Sundance Institute and partners, will present "Film Forward: Advancing Cultural Dialogue."

This special film event, featuring the work of independent filmmakers, is set for Sept. 6-8 at the Chickasaw Cultural Cen
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historic journey,” Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. “We share a sense of pride in our culture and heritage and wish to celebrate it with our friends and family during the Annual Meeting and Festival.”

This year marks the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 24th Annual Chickasaw Festival.

Activities begin Friday, Sept. 28 and culminate Saturday, Oct. 6.

The theme for the 2012 Annual Meeting and Festival is “Spirit of a Nation” and numerous events are planned for the week-long celebration of Chickasaw heritage, culture and resolute spirit.

Annual Meeting, State of the Nation, Oct. 6

The Annual Meeting, highlighted by Gov. Anoatubby’s State of the Nation Address, begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 6 at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College in Tishomingo.

Immediately following the address, Tishomingo’s Main Street will be the scene of the Festival Parade, one of the area’s largest parades of the year.

A wide variety of exciting events and activities will be conducted throughout Tishomingo October 6, at the historic Chickasaw Capitol, Pennington Park, Murray State College campus, Johnston County Sports complex and other venues.

The Southeastern Art Show and Market will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the west Capitol grounds, and a Chickasaw Press book signing, stickball, dance troupe and cultural demonstrations will be ongoing from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the same location.

A Gospel Singing is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the west Capitol grounds.

The traditional meal will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m., along with a health fair, both on the Murray State lawn.

A petting zoo, kids’ activities and a “make-and-take tent” will be open from 11:30 a.m. to

5:30 p.m. at Tishomingo’s Pennington Park.

Horseshoe Tournament registration begins at noon at Pennington Park, and arts and crafts and food vendors will also be located at the park from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Chickasaw White House in Emet, Okla., the Chickasaw Bank Museum, Tishomingo, and the Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, will also be open for tours Oct. 6.

Stomp Dance Friday, Sept. 28 at Kullihoma

A traditional Stomp Dance from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Friday, Sept. 28 at Kullihoma opens the festivities.

Corn Stalk Shoot, Jr. and Sr. Olympics, Softball Tournament

The traditional corn stalk shoot is set for 10 a.m. at Kullihoma, Saturday, Sept. 29.

Saturday also includes the

golf tournament, Junior Olympics, Senior Olympics and a co-ed softball tournament all in Tishomingo.

The Chickasaw Princess Pageant will be conducted at 6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 1 at the Ada High School Cougar Activity Center.

Arts and Culture Awards, Cultural Evening

New this year, the Arts and Culture Awards will be conducted at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 4. at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, in conjunction

with Cultural Evening, which begins at 4 p.m.

Cultural tours for area schools in Tishomingo, tours of the Chickasaw White House in Emet, and Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur and the Chickasaw Bank Museum, will be available Tuesday-Friday.

For more information, including a schedule of events and vendor applications, visit www.chickasaw.net/annual-meeting or call (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356.

Event schedule is subject to change. Please visit the website for the latest event updates.

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er Matthew Scott Gore, who received 764 votes.

Pickens District Seat 1 incumbent David Woerz, of Ardmore, received 1,596 votes to defeat challenger Mike Watson, of Lone Grove, who received 527 votes.

Challenger Scott Wood, of Tishomingo, won election to Tishomingo District Seat 1 with 1,059 votes. He defeated incumbent legislator D. Scott Colbert, of Sulphur, who received 712 votes.

Mrs. Elliott, of Ada, will retain Pontotoc District Seat 2,

and Mrs. Hammond, of Ardmore, will retain Pickens District Seat 4.

Elected officials will take the oath of office Monday, Oct. 1.

For more information, contact Ms. Loder at (580) 310-6475.

Legislature:

Pontotoc District Seat 1

Toby Perkins - 2,344 votes - 75.42% - winner

Matthew Scott Gore, Esq. 764 votes - 24.58%

Pickens District Seat 1

David Woerz - 1,596 votes - 75.18% - winner

Mike Watson 527 votes - 24.82%

Tishomingo District Seat 1

Scott Wood - 1,059 votes - 59.80% - winner

D. Scott Colbert 712 votes - 40.20%

Pontotoc District Seat 2

Nancy Elliott - Unopposed

Pickens District Seat 4

Shana Tate Hammond- Unopposed

Judicial:

Supreme Court Seat 2

Barbara Ann Smith - unopposed

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3 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada. Rev. Jackie Cooper officiated, assisted by Rev. Don Jacob.

Burial following in Steedman Cemetery.

“Pauline Walker was a true Chickasaw treasure,” Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. “She was a quiet leader who possessed deep reserves of strength and resolve. Her presence among her people will be greatly missed.”

Mrs. Walker was born May 6, 1920 at Allen, Okla., to William and Sally Dyer Alexander. She attended Kullihoma School.

She was a homemaker. Her husband, Simon Thurman Walker, preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 1990.

Mrs. Walker also served as a cook at the Chickasaw Nation Senior Site and was very well-regarded among Chickasaw elders.

She was fluent in the Chickasaw language and was a master teacher of our language. She

was a member of the Chickasaw Language Committee.

She was also a quilter, seamstress and gardener. She enjoyed reading her Bible, and was a sports fan.

Mrs. Walker received the Circle of Honor Silver Feather Award in 2000, and was named a “Dynamic Woman of the Chickasaw Nation” in 2009.

She was a member of Mitchell Memorial Methodist Church and “The Chickasaw Cats.”

She is survived by five sons, Wordley Walker, Herman Walker and wife Opal, all of Ada, Virgil A. Walker and wife Ramona Faye, and Gary Don Walker and wife LaVerna Maxine, all of Allen, and Toni Lynn Walker and wife Carolyn Sue, of Mill Creek, Okla.; four daughters, Saly Ann Graham and husband Bob, Gladys Johnson and husband David A., Hazel Wallace and husband Joe, all of Ada, and Rosie Mae Post-

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Let's make the trip to Tishomingo for Annual Meeting, Festival!

We are once again coming up on that very special time of year!

Our 52nd Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and 24th Annual Chickasaw Festival begin September 28. As is traditional, our meetings, events and celebrations will be centered in our historic capitol city of Tishomingo.

The Annual Meeting and Festival are always a great way to share experiences with our family and friends. We have the wonderful opportunity to reconnect with our Chickasaw history, traditions and culture, and share those things with others.

This year our theme is "Spirit of A Nation." And as we all know, Chickasaws most definitely have spirit! We will gather together in venues throughout the Chickasaw Nation for great events, great fellowship and celebration of our beloved tribe.

This year kicks off with the Stomp Dance at Kulihoma beginning at 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 28. If you have never attended a stomp dance, you must come this year! You'll be glad you did!

Saturday features the golf tournament at Tishomingo Golf Course, the co-ed slow-pitch softball tournament at Murray State College, Junior Olympics at Tishomingo High School field, Senior Olympics at



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor,
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Pennington Park and the popular Corn Stalk Shoot. Test your skill with the bow!

Monday is our traditional Chickasaw Princess Pageant at Ada High School. Three young ladies will be selected to serve as our Chickasaw Royalty. Please make your plans to attend. We are very proud of our young Chickasaw women and their dedication to our traditions.

Tuesday through Friday features tours of the Tishomingo museums and Chickasaw White House as well as the Youthful Celebration, Kids Activities Tents and petting zoo.

This is also the time when area school children visit to tour and learn about our culture.

Thursday features the Arts & Culture Awards and the traditional Cultural Evening at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

Friday is the popular Southeastern Art Show and Market where you will find a wide variety of exquisite art. At 8 p.m. that evening, put on your boots and enjoy the rodeo at the Tishomingo arena.

Saturday, Oct. 6 is, of course, our biggest day with the State of the Nation address at 9 a.m. at Murray State College, followed by the annual parade. The traditional Chickasaw meal will be served at noon.

Of course, there will be all the events and venues that have become traditions to us over the years.

Isn't it time you made your plans to attend the Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival? I guarantee you will be glad you made the trip.

There is nothing more precious than our families, our friends and our fellow Chickasaws. We share a history that each of us can celebrate!

Make time this year to renew that wonderful connection. I look forward to seeing you this year!

New Chickasaw Royalty to be named at Oct. 1 Princess Pageant



2011-2012 Chickasaw Royalty Little Miss Chickasaw Keilyn Factor, Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker and Chickasaw Junior Princess Raechell Meely will bid farewell when new Chickasaw royalty is selected during the 2012-2013 Chickasaw Princess Pageant Oct. 1.

Marcy Gray

ADA, Okla. – Three lucky young women will soon be crowned royalty during the 2012-2013 Chickasaw Princess Pageant.

The pageant will begin at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1 at the Ada High School Cougar Activity Center.

Contestants will vie for one

of three titles. Chickasaw Princess candidates are 17 to 25 years of age; Chickasaw Junior Princess contestants are 12 to 16 years of age; and Little Miss Chickasaw candidates are 7 to 11 years of age.

During the pageant young ladies will be judged on traditional Chickasaw dress, poise and random question. There is also a talent portion of the competition. Past talents displayed included singing, stomp dancing and storytelling.

The newly-crowned royalty will have the honor and privilege of serving as ambassadors of the Chickasaw Nation at various functions and events across several states.

"Crowning the new Chickasaw princesses is always a time of strong emotions as the current princesses pass the torch to the newly crowned royalty," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "Our Chickasaw Princesses serve as bearers of culture and goodwill ambassadors for the Chickasaw people."

The Chickasaw princesses have been making appearances for many years. The heritage of the princesses goes back to 1963 when Ranell (James) Harry was appointed the first princess.

The 2011-2012 Chickasaw royalty are Chickasaw Princess

Nacobi Walker; Chickasaw Jr. Princess Raechell Meely; and Little Miss Chickasaw Keilyn Factor.

These young ladies will be honored for their year of ser-

vice during the ceremony.

For more information about the Chickasaw Princess Pageant, call (580) 272-5508.

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oak, Allen; one brother, Hubert Alexander and wife Dorena, of Ada; one sister, Virginia Bolen and husband Jim, of Ada; 24 grandchildren, including two grandsons she raised, Timothy James Postoak and Darrell Wayne Walker; many great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by

her parents, William and Sally Alexander; her stepmother, Jane Alexander; three brothers, five sisters, two infant children who died at birth, and a nephew.

Bearers were Thurman Walker, Darrell Walker, Timothy Postoak, Jason Wallace, Gary Don Walker Jr., and Ezekiel Walker.

The Chickasaw Nation

Is accepting applications for the following:

Internal Auditor

Position is located in Ada, OK for the Division of Treasury. Qualified candidate must possess a Bachelor's Degree of Science (Accounting preferred) with at least 12 college credit hours of Accounting and 6 college credit hours of Information Systems or demonstrated proficient skills and minimum of 1 year experience in a related field or equivalent combination. Required proficiency in processing programs including Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, Power Point, Access and Visio). CIA, CPA, CFE and CISA designations a plus. Please reference job code: 22125.

For a description of the Chickasaw Nation, or to complete an application and view detailed information, please refer to <http://www.chickasaw.net>. If you would like additional information, you may contact: 580.436.7259, or PO Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821. American Indian Preference.

Renovated Lighthorse headquarters dedicated in Ada



Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, is joined by tribal officials and law enforcement officers during the ribbon-cutting for the newly-renovated Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department in Ada July 25. Joining Gov. Anoatubby are, front row from left, Lighthorse officer Michael Holloway, tribal administrator Tom John, tribal justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon, tribal legislators Shana Tate Hammond, Katie Case, officer Vincent Walters, legislators Mary Jo Green and Nancy Elliott, Gov. Anoatubby, legislator Toby Perkins, officer Gary Dodd, investigator Steve Cash, officer Phillip Wood, and investigator George Jesse.

Mike McKee

ADA, Okla. – A historic Chickasaw police department serving thousands of community citizens celebrated the grand opening of its newly-renovated headquarters July 25.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby led the ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the remodeled Lighthorse Police headquarters at 1130 West Main.

Gov. Anoatubby was joined by tribal officials, law enforcement officers and community members to dedicate the building.

“Lighthorse has a long history within the Chickasaw Nation, beginning prior to statehood,” said Gov. Anoatubby. “When the Chickasaw Nation had sole jurisdiction over this area, Lighthorsemen were the law enforcement officers. To-

day, the mission of Lighthorse officers is the same - to serve and protect and make sure they keep our citizens safe.

“Working hand-in-hand with federal, state and local law enforcement officers, the Lighthorse Police Department is part of a cooperative effort to provide a much-needed service to every citizen who lives in the Chickasaw Nation, and beyond.”

Lighthorse officers have been part of several cooperative law enforcement initiatives in southern Oklahoma. These include the District 22 Drug Task Force, a joint anti-methamphetamine campaign with the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and a joint operation with the Pontotoc County Sheriff’s Department to help curb

underage drinking.

“We say thank you to the brave men and women of all the law enforcement agencies who work diligently to ensure the safety and security of our community,” said Gov. Anoatubby.

Since the Lighthorse Police Department was re-established with six officers and a police chief in 2004, the department has grown to include 31 sworn uniformed and investigative officers, two dual-certified narcotic K-9 units, a dive team and a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team.

“Thanks to the vision and tireless work of all its officers, the Lighthorse Police Department is one of the most respected and proactive law enforcement agencies in the state,” said Gov. Anoatubby.

Lighthorse Police in 2009 received the highest honor a BIA district office can bestow. Lighthorsemen traveled north to serve and protect the citizens of the Pine Ridge and Standing Rock Sioux Reservations in South Dakota.

The department also made history when the first cross-deputation agreement with the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs was finalized in 2007.

The Lighthorse patrol bureau also conducts programs for Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), Gang Resistance Education And Training (GREAT) and Neighborhood Watch programs to promote crime prevention in area



The newly-renovated Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department was dedicated in a ribbon cutting ceremony in Ada on July 25.

schools and communities.

“Because of the department’s tremendous growth, a remodel of its headquarters was needed,” said Gov. Anoatubby.

Updates include a large training room, workout room with machines, tactical training area, evidence room and lab, K-9 unit office, interrogation rooms, conference rooms and various office spaces.

Designed for the safety of its officers, Lighthorse headquarters features controlled-access

doors.

The exterior of the building received a fresh coat of paint, removal of the front drive, the addition of three flag poles and new landscaping, irrigation and sod.

A new Lighthorse Police sign has been constructed at the front of the building.

To contact the Lighthorse Police Department call (580) 436-1166 or (580) 436-7213.

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School of Guitar accepting applications



Recent Chickasaw School of Guitar students are, seated, Faithlyn Seawright and Jerico Carpitche. Standing, from left, Zeke Brannon, Myraya Folsom, Daniel Mead, Braden Cooper, Blake Nucosee, Jordan Barnes. The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities is accepting new applications for the program.

The Chickasaw School of Guitar is seeking to fill openings in the upcoming class.

Sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, the school provides guitar lessons to interested youth ages 12-17.

Chickasaw, other Native American and Chickasaw Nation employees’ children are encouraged to apply.

The one-hour guitar lessons are conducted after school at the Division of Arts and Humanities building at 201 North Broadway in Ada, Okla.

Applications are available at www.Chickasaw.net and for more information, contact the Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse officers at the July 25 ceremony dedicating the newly-renovated Lighthorse Police facility in Ada.

Chickasaw woman got a good start in Women’s Air Corps

Chukma! Chin Chukma to all my friends in the great Chickasaw Nation. Everything is well with me and I’m looking forward to my favorite time of year. I love the Chickasaw Festival and all the attendant activities, but most of all, I get to visit with Chickasaws from all over the world!

This month I wish to honor Beulah Mae Shavney. I truly enjoyed my visit to her home. Beulah, as a young graduate of Chilocco Indian School, joined the Women’s Army Air Corps in 1943 and attained the rank of Tech 4 which is equivalent to a sergeant.

At the time of her enlistment, she was an employee of a hospital in Phoenix, Arizona and she wanted



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to do something for the war effort. The Army originally rejected her because she didn’t weigh enough. She attempted to meet the weight requirement several times before she finally came within one pound and the Army relented and accepted her. The Army was worried that she wasn’t strong enough for the rigorous six-week basic training. Needless to say, this strong Chickasaw woman passed with flying colors!

Beulah served in the Army from May, 1943 to December, 1945 and believes her Army experience molded her into the woman she is today. She recalls that the rules were strict and she had to make her bed so tight that a quarter would bounce on it.

Beulah remembers the train rides home to visit her family. Oh how she loved to ride the train!

She assures me that she was not one to go on blind dates; however, one year a friend talked her into going on a Christmas date. When Dick walked into the room and they looked at each other, it was love at first sight and they were married a year later. They lived in New York state for four years, Dick’s home state, before moving to Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

If you should happen to see Beulah Mae Shavney on the TV commercial for the Chickasaw Nation, you will see what a gorgeous Chickasaw woman she is and the strength she portrays.

I certainly hope to hear from you so I know what I can do to enhance your quality of life. Please contact me through dean.mcmanus@chickasaw.net or call me at 580.436.1460.

Chi ihollo li!(I love you!)

Dean McManus,
Pontotoc District
Seat 4



Beulah Mae Shavney

Welcoming first grandchild leads to choice of ‘titles’

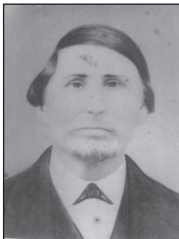
Guess what everybody; I am now an official member of the GRANDPARENT’S CLUB! The arrival of Ever Grace Alexander has created quite a stir in our world. As many of you have stated, there is nothing like being a grandparent! The jury is still out on whom she looks like. I tend to believe that she takes after me of course! Ever Grace was born at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. She arrived Saturday, July 28 at 5:06 am. My husband, Rick, and I are busy trying out new titles that Ever can call us. I have to admit that they all sound funny, and I find it hard to believe that I am actually old enough to have a grandchild! Ever Grace is the first great-grandchild on my side of the family. Will we spoil her? You bet!



BETH ALEXANDER

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Last month I mentioned the Sheco name. Thank you to Ms. Margie Testerman for sharing some of her family history with me. In the southern tip of the Panola District we have a road named Sheco. Next month I will share with you the history of the road name and the family behind it. This month I am showing a picture of a gentleman thought to be Mr. Charlie Sheco or Mr. Morgan Perry. Mr. Perry was the father-in-law of Charlie Sheco. This picture



came from the personal belongings of Ms. Catherine Perry Sheco Rains.

The Bloomfield Indian School Cemetery Association has been on break for the summer. Once cooler temperatures prevail the association will begin clean up once again. If you would like to have more information on the Association contact Mr. DeLoyd Hicks at (580) 916-8284.

Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. 1 John 3:18



Mrs. June Leake and Ever Grace Alexander

Be sure to tour Chickasaw White House during Festival

Hello Everybody,

I hope this letter finds your family well, and I hope to see you at the 2012 Chickasaw Festival.

Events and exhibits of this year’s festival will be conducted in four towns within the Chickasaw Nation. Kullihoma, Tishomingo, Sulphur and Emet will host events and/or exhibits. The festival has been name Spirit of a Nation, and events scheduled span nine days and include activities for all ages.

The first event is the Stomp Dance at Kullihoma, scheduled to start at 8 p.m., Friday, September 28 and the last event is the Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo slated for 8 p.m., Saturday, October 6.



KATIE CASE

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There are golf, softball and horseshoe tournaments, a petting zoo and inflatables for the kids, wonderful art and cultural exhibits, gospel singings and more in Tishomingo and an entire cultural evening scheduled for Thursday, October 4 in Sulphur.

One of my favorite activities is touring the Chickasaw White House at Emet, Okla. It was the home of Chickasaw Governor, Douglas Johnston. It has been restored to its original grandeur and gives a great tangible insight into affluent, turn-of-the-century life in Oklahoma.

If at all possible, you should come. There is something for everybody and most of all there is opportunity for interaction with our Chickasaw family and friends.

This year’s festival promises to be good times with good people.

I hope to see you there!

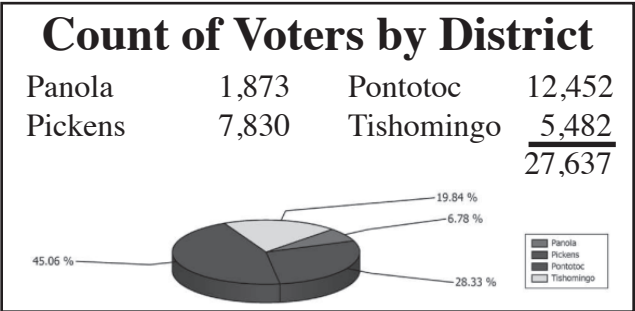
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Tutoring opportunities promote students' classroom success

C hukma, Hello Everyone,
Last month in my article about the landscape packages, I gave some incorrect information. The landscape packages are available to all Chickasaw homeowners, regardless of where you live. Also, the number that I gave you for the Chickasaw Farms was incorrect. If you would like more information on the landscape packages, you can call Carla Windy Boy at (580) 235-7234. This is a wonderful program that enables Chickasaw homeowners to make their homes more beautiful.

It has been my honor to serve as the Chairperson in the Legislature for the Education Committee for the past two years. As a former educator, I believe very strongly in the power of education. The better our children are educated, the more opportunities there are available to them.

The Chickasaw Nation continues to strive to meet the needs of our citizens regarding education. One of the programs available to at-large students is for tutoring assistance. This school year, that program will be expanded to include students living within the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation. Students must be referred for tutoring by a teacher or counselor. For more information on this program, you can call (580) 421-7711.

There are many wonderful after-school opportunities for our children. The Robotics program is now accepting applications. The Lego Leagues accept children from 6-14. The Robotics Competition is designed for high school students to discover the rewarding life of engineers and researchers. I hope you are all making plans to attend our 52nd Annual Meeting and Festival. There will be a variety of events during the week beginning on September 28 and concluding with the Annual Meeting on October 6 in Tishomingo. This is always a wonderful time to renew old acquaintances and enjoy soaking up some Chickasaw culture. Hope to see you there! Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisala cho anowa, (Until I see you again)

Nancy

Pontotoc District Seat 2

Nancy.Elliott@Chickasaw.net (580) 399-4374

Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, please contact Ms. Randi Payne at (580) 310-6451 or randi.payne@chickasaw.net.

Thank you for your assistance and for supporting our troops!

Sovereign Clinic, gift shop are tremendous additions

H ello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. Welcome to this report for August, 2012. Where has this year gone so quickly?

We attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Sovereign Clinic and gift shop in Ada. The gift shop has many beautiful items that are not available anywhere else in the Ada area. I especially like the purses and perfume available that I previously had to shop for in Oklahoma City. The fine jewelry and gifts are outstanding.

We have wanted to extend our excellent health care to our non-Indian spouses and at long last we have doctors and pharmacists available to meet their needs. The Sovereign Clinic is open to the public on a fee basis. The second Sovereign clinic has just begun construction in Goldsby very near Riverwind Casino.

Ground breaking was held for the Chickasha House at the Chickasaw Medical Center. Planning had been underway for a number of years. Chickasha House will provide a place close to the Chickasaw Medical Center for families to stay overnight when they bring loved ones in from out of town to be hospitalized.

The ribbon cutting for the new Senior Site in Ardmore brought out a large number of Chickasaws. The membership at the Ada Senior Site is growing rapidly and we

will soon need a larger facility. The members enjoy monthly activities as well as games and exercise class. Taco sales and trips also keep the seniors busy. Volunteers help serve food and work in the gift shop to keep them busy with something to look forward to. The Ada seniors visited New Mexico, Colorado and Texas in August.

I attended a three-day Oklahoma Indian Gaming Conference. There was much to learn, especially about internet gaming. We don't have it yet, but it is coming and Canada and several states such as Nevada and Connecticut already have it.

I would love to hear from you! My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site.

Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you!

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Shawn Williams

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Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur Area

Chickasaw Citizen

Great input from citizens; lots of new facilities popping up

C hukma,
Thank you to all the Chickasaw voters. I had the opportunity to speak with many of you during the campaign, and I enjoyed visiting with each of you and hearing your thoughts, ideas, support, prayers and encouragement. It is an honor to serve as your legislator, and I will continue working hard for all Chickasaws and your families.

We had many groundbreakings and ribbon cuttings over the last couple months, all positive steps as we continue our mission of enhancing the lives of our Chickasaw people. The health and well-being of our citizens is always a top priority. The new Ardmore Medical Clinic will expand from 25 to approximately 100 staff members. With new and expanded services - including behavioral health, physical therapy, a drive-thru pharmacy, audiology, ultrasound, Dexa Scan and mammography. This clinic offers our citizens access to a state-of-the-art medical facility and quality care.

I am really excited about the 52nd Annual Meeting and 24th Chickasaw Festival; please make plans to attend if you have not already. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your

family,

Toby Perkins, Legislator

Pontotoc District, Seat 1

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NOTICE:

The October Legislative Session will be October 26, 2012, 9 a.m. at the Legislative Building. This is a change of date for the October Session only.

Note of Thanks

I would like to thank every Chickasaw citizen that supported me during my campaign. Without your support we could not have accomplished this goal.

I look forward to representing all Chickasaw citizens of the Tishomingo District as your new Chickasaw Legislator.

Thank you,
Scott Wood
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Chickasaw legal scholar nominated for BIA by President Obama

WASHINGTON, D.C. - President Barack Obama has nominated Kevin K. Washburn, a Chickasaw, to serve as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

"Kevin Washburn is a very wise choice to lead the Bureau of Indian Affairs" Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Mr. Washburn has the education and experience which make him uniquely qualified to lead the BIA. As a legal scholar, his works in the fields of Indian criminal law and gaming law have helped lead to advances in federal Indian policy."

"He also has the extensive experience and strong leadership skills necessary to ensure the BIA continues to be a positive force in helping enhance the quality of life of Indian people across the nation."

Mr. Washburn is Dean of the University of New Mexico School of Law, a position he has held since June 2009. He has previously served as the Rosenstiel Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law from 2008 to 2009; and as an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Minnesota Law School from 2002 to 2008.

From 2007 to 2008, Mr. Washburn was the Oneida Indian Nation Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School. Previously, he served as General Counsel for the National Indian Gaming Commission from 2000 to 2002, and as an Assistant U. S. Attorney in Albuquerque, N. M., from 1997 to 2000.

Mr. Washburn was a trial attorney in the Indian Resources Section of the U.S. Department of Justice from 1994 to 1997.

He is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma and a juris doctorate from Yale Law

School.

Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar also lauded President Obama's nomination of Mr. Washburn.

"Kevin Washburn has a keen understanding of the many issues that affect Indian Country," Secretary Salazar said. "His strong professional and academic experience will be a key asset to the Department as we continue to strengthen the integrity of the government-to-government relationship with Indian tribes and empower Native American and Alaska Native communities. He will be an excellent addition to our team."



Kevin Washburn

Creative writing contest open to young Chickasaw writers

The Chickasaw Historical Society is sponsoring "Holissochi" (To Write) Creative Writing Contest for Chickasaw youth.

The essay contest is open to Chickasaw youth in two age divisions; Division I - grades 6-8; and Division II - grades 9-12.

Contestants must submit an original work of 1,000 words or less on the topic: "How have Chickasaw traditions influenced my life and values?"

Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place. Each winning contestant will receive a medal, cash award and their article published in the Chickasaw Journal.

Winners will be announced during the Arts and Cultural awards, set for 7 p.m., Thurs-

day, October 4 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, Okla.

The contest is free and open to enrolled citizens of the Chickasaw Nation.

Official rules and entry forms can be found at www.Chickasaw.net under the heading History, Culture and the Arts/Chickasaw Historical Society. Submissions should be prepared according to the instructions on the entry form.

For more information contact a Chickasaw Historical Society representative at (580) 559-0847. Deadline for entries is Sept. 14.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, Media Relations.



'Chickasaw Tales' to open Oct. 12

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw storyteller Lorie Robins and East Central University's Steven Phillips have collaborated to bring "Chickasaw Tales" to ECU's Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center stage.

The performances are set for Friday, Oct. 12 and Saturday, Oct. 13. Both shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

An original play, "Chickasaw Tales," is for children's audiences. "Tales" re-enacts some of the most-beloved Chickasaw stories.

In the course of the production, three Chickasaw children learn the stories are not only meant to entertain, but also to pass down essential values which define the Chickasaw people.

Ms. Robins serves as the Chickasaw Nation Performing Arts Division manager and Mr. Phillips works with the ECU Communication and Performing Arts Department.

Tickets information is available at <http://tickets.ecok.edu/eventperformances.asp>.

New season for Chickasaw Children's Choir



Chickasaw Children's Choir students, from left, Checotah Fulks, Martina Lane, Danya Impson, Trenton Way and Brandy Lane at the 2012 Spring Music Concert. The Choir will soon begin a new season. The choir performs songs in English, Chickasaw and other languages at various tribal and community events. Chickasaw students, ages eight through 14, are welcome to participate. For more information, or to join the Chickasaw Children's Choir, contact Phillip Berryhill, Division of Arts and Humanities, at (580) 272-5520.

Legislators visit Denver Community Council



Legislators Nancy Elliott, Connie Barker, Shana Hammond and Scott Colbert recently visited the Denver Community Council Meeting.

Save the Date!
Chickasaw Princess Pageant
Monday, October 1, 2012
Begins at 6 p.m.

Ada Cougar Activity Center
Ada High School • Ada, Oklahoma



Chickasaw Princesses serve as ambassadors for the Chickasaw Nation at a variety of events and activities throughout the year.

Chickasaw Princess: Ages 17 - 25
Chickasaw Jr. Princess: Ages 12 - 16
Little Miss Chickasaw: Ages 7 - 11
For more information call (580) 272-7710

Sovereign Pharmacy & Fine Gifts offers new services, shopping to public



Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, is joined by state and tribal officials to cut the ribbon on Sovereign Pharmacy & Fine Gifts, located inside the Sovereign Family Practice Clinic, 1007 North Country Club Road in Ada, Okla., July 30. The Family Practice Clinic and new pharmacy are both now open to the general public. Joining Gov. Anoatubby are, from left, Division of Commerce administrator Bill Lance, legislators Toby Perkins and Nancy Elliott, Gov. Anoatubby, legislators Mary Jo Green and Katie Case, Sovereign Medical Solutions president Chris Anoatubby, and State Sen. Susan Paddock.

ADA, Okla. – Sovereign Pharmacy & Fine Gifts and Sovereign Family Practice Clinic are now open to the general public.

The pharmacy and gift store are situated inside Sovereign Family Practice Clinic, 1007 North Country Club Road in Ada.

“We are very pleased to expand our health care services to the entire community,” Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. “Our goal

is to offer convenient access to high quality health care and pharmacy services.”

Chris Anoatubby, Sovereign Medical Solutions president and Chickasaw Nation chief medical solutions officer, said offering pharmacy services to the general public represented a new direction.

“Traditionally, our medical services have been offered to Chickasaw citizens or citi-

zens of other Native American tribes,” he said. “When we initially opened the Family Practice Clinic to Chickasaw Nation employees, we quickly realized that model easily translates to providing pharmacy services to the general public as well. For the first time ever, the general public will be able to utilize both the Family Practice Clinic and the pharmacy’s services.”

Chris Anoatubby said Sovereign Pharmacy & Fine Gifts will continue to have special pharmacy programs for employees of the Chickasaw Nation. Whether to fill a prescription or shop for a friend’s upcoming birthday, the pharmacy’s convenient location and the many lines of upscale, popular gifts and merchandise offered will be available for anyone to utilize.

Sovereign Pharmacy & Fine Gifts also houses an upscale boutique shopping experience offering men’s and women’s clothing and accessories. Featured high-end designer lines include Oakley sunglasses, apparel and accessories; a full line of Brighton handbags, luggage, jewelry, apparel, sunglasses and more; Juicy Cou-

ture purses, watches, jewelry and accessories; and Kameleon jewelry.

Additionally, the store will carry various lines of name brand sunglasses for both men and women. The boutique will offer gifts for bridal and baby showers. Oklahoma-made Bedre’ Fine Chocolates also will be available at the store.

Sovereign Pharmacy & Fine Gifts is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information about Sovereign Pharmacy Solutions & Fine Gifts visit www.sovereignfamilypractice.com.

Individuals interested in receiving monthly e-newsletters from SPS can register while visiting the site as well.

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Owl release



Wildcare Foundation volunteer Laura Kintz prepares to release a Barred Owl last month at Chickasaw-owned property in Murray County, Oklahoma. Wildcare Foundation, Noble, Okla., cares for injured and orphaned animals and releases them into the wild once they have been rehabilitated. The Chickasaw Nation works with the foundation to identify suitable tribal lands to release the wildlife.

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Karen Lisinski, a Wildcare Foundation volunteer, releases one of six Barred Owls at tribal property in Murray County last month. Six rehabilitated owls were released on the land last month.

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Your Vote Counts! Register by October 12

Civic engagement and good government in America started with Indian Country. As citizens of the United States, we have much to offer. Our democracy is stronger and public policy is more effective when federal, state and local policy makers understand the priorities of Native people.

More than one million eligible American Indians and Alaska Natives (34 percent of the total Native population over age 18) were not registered to vote in the 2008 elections. Native leaders across the country are working to engage more Native Americans to register and vote in 2012 – and hopefully report the largest Native voter turnout in history. According to the most recent Census, Oklahoma’s Native population is about 7% (nearly 263,000 people).

Gov. Bill Anoatubby has been a leader in promoting the “Native Vote.”

“As Indian people, our votes are critically important,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Without our votes and our voice, Indian

policy drifts and becomes less important to lawmakers.”

Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, who serves as the President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), emphasized the importance of getting Indians engaged in voting.

“The Native Vote is more than a civic duty, it’s an expression of our unique role as the first Americans,” Lt. Gov. Keel said. “Anyone who says otherwise, anyone who might doubt our civil rights as first peoples ore shrug off voting as not part of Native culture, should consider our fate if we had been silenced at the ballot box last century.”

Registering For Upcoming Local and National Elections

The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 6 general election in Oklahoma is Oct. 12. The last day to request an absentee ballot is Oct. 31. Early voting in Oklahoma is Nov. 2,



3 and 5. This year, Oklahomans will be voting for President as well as other key races nationally and statewide. All 101 seats in the Oklahoma House of Representatives and 24 seats in the State Senate will be up for election.

Voters also will be deciding races in all five of Oklahoma’s U.S. House of Representatives districts.

For more information, visit: <http://www.congress.org/election/guide/ok>.

Several local and county races in the Chickasaw Nation will also be on many ballots.

Bryan County – Calera School District I-48 and Silo School District I-1

Carter County – Fox School District I-74, Lone Grove School District I-32, City of Lone Grove, Town of Ratliff City and Town of Springer

Garvin County – Elmore City-Pernell School District I-72

Grady County – City of Blanchard

Jefferson County – Waurika School District I-23

Love County – Lone Grove School District I-32

Marshall County – Madill School District I-32

McClain County – City of Blanchard

Murray County – Elmore City-Pernell School District I-72

Pontotoc County – City of Ada

Stephens County – Fox School District I-74, Elmore City-Pernell School District I-72, and Waurika School District I-23

Eligibility

A person who is eligible to register to vote must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen and a resident of the State of Okla-

homa. Residents who turn age 18 during the 60 days before an election may apply for voter registration between 25 and 60 days before the election.

How to Register

Voter registration information and applications are available online at www.chickasaw.net. Click the “Rock the Native Vote” icon for details. The Chickasaw Nation will also sponsor several voter registration drives in September and October.

Voter registration applications also are available at County Election Boards, post offices, tag agencies, libraries and many other public locations. Oklahomans are offered a voter registration application when getting a driver’s license and when applying for assistance at some government agencies.

For more information about the national “Rock the Native Vote” campaign, visit www.nativevote.org.

CONTRIBUTED BY Joshua Rogers, Public Affairs

Business revenues, net on record pace for fiscal year

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe’s general fund and the tribe’s BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor’s and Lt. Governor’s offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe’s Division of Education. Health expenditures include senior citizens

sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending July 31, 2012

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$16.5 million for the month and \$140.1 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$10.4 million for the month and \$88.1 year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through July totaled \$936.2 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$248.2 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$120.3 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At July 31, 2012, the tribal government funds had \$185.2 million in cash and investments. Of this amount,

\$20.0 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$164.5 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Ten Months Ended July 31, 2012

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	12,265,211	936,198,246	948,463,457
Total funds available	127,870,833	(127,870,833)	-
	140,136,044	808,327,413	948,463,457
Expenditures			
General government	9,856,759		9,856,759
Legislature	2,064,480		2,064,480
Judiciary	840,959		840,959
Education	16,617,641		16,617,641
Heritage Preservation	11,877,182		11,877,182
Health	18,940,860		18,940,860
Youth and Family Services	8,337,664		8,337,664
Nutrition Programs	4,766,688		4,766,688
Regulatory	6,280,647		6,280,647
Assistance Programs	8,569,861		8,569,861
Gaming expense		504,170,793	504,170,793
Other businesses' expense		183,850,573	183,850,573
Total expenditures	88,152,742	688,021,366	776,174,107
Increase in net assets	51,983,302	120,306,047	172,289,350
Beginning net assets	595,076,108	680,428,193	1,275,504,301
Ending net assets	647,059,410	800,734,241	1,447,793,651

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
July 31, 2012

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	185,217,234	164,564,168	349,781,402
Receivables	35,518,493	48,455,766	83,974,259
Inventory	104,161	6,661,795	6,765,956
Prepaid expenses		19,830,899	19,830,899
Other Assets		2,482,357	2,482,357
Fixed assets	427,749,071	674,436,548	1,102,185,619
Less payables	(1,529,549)	(115,697,292)	(117,226,841)
Net Assets	647,059,410	800,734,241	1,447,793,651

FILM FORWARD

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ter in Sulphur.

Free to public

Friday and Saturday film screenings and events are free and open to the public.

Film Forward is a touring film program that offers screenings, workshops, and discussions designed to foster dialogue and cross-cultural understanding.

The program is an initiative of the Sundance Institute and The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Seven films and filmmakers from the U.S., U.K., and Australia will be featured at the Cultural Center's Anoli' Theater.

Independent filmmakers

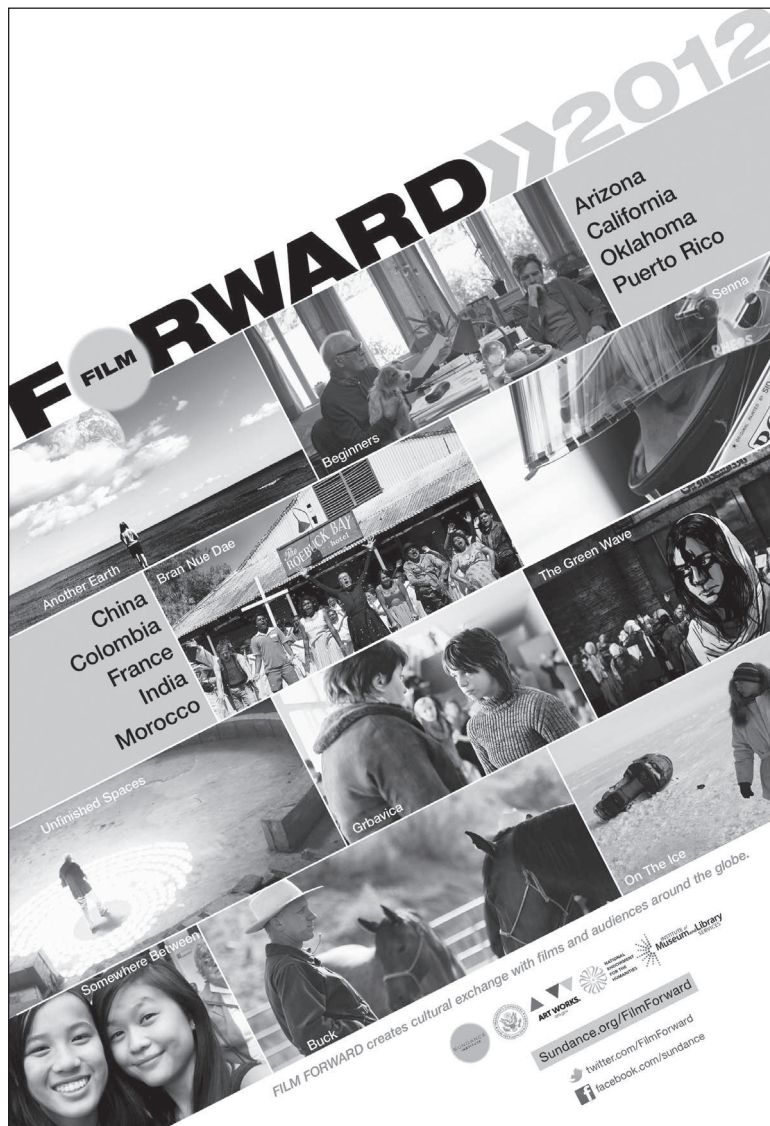
Gov. Bill Anoatubby said the collaboration with Sundance Institute and Film Forward was "incredibly valuable" to American Indians and other independent filmmakers striving to tell stories from their own perspective.

"It is vitally important that filmmakers with a unique cultural perspective have the training, tools and experience necessary to bring their history, culture and heritage to the screen in a meaningful way," said Gov. Anoatubby. "It is difficult to overestimate the value of Film Forward to film makers striving to remain true to their own culture while relaying stories of universal significance. We are very pleased to be part of this important event."

Cultural Center venue

Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, administrator of the Division of History and Culture, said hosting the event at the Cultural Center was a huge honor.

"The Film Forward project has chosen the Chickasaw Cultural Center to showcase its selection of 2012 films," she said. "As one of only three locations in the United States to host Film Forward, this is an incredible honor for the Chickasaw Nation and the Cultural Center."



Featured films

Featured Film Forward films are; *Bran Nue Dae*, by Rachel Perkins; *Senna*, by Asif Kapadia; *On the Ice*, by Andrew Okpeaha MacLean; *Buck*, by Cindy Meehl; *Beginners*, by Michael Mulls; *Somewhere Between*, by Linda Goldstein Knowlton and *Another Earth*, by Mike Cahill.

Filmmakers Rachel Perkins and Asif Kapadia will be in attendance to participate in question and answer sessions and moderated discussions after their films screen.

Activities begin at 10 a.m., Sept. 6 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center with the Sundance Institute's Native Filmmakers Summit.

Led by Bird Runningwater (Cheyenne/Mescalero Apache), director of the Sundance Institute Native American and Indigenous Programs and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, and co-hosted by the Chickasaw Nation and the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum, the Summit will include roundtable discussions, short film presentations and presentations from "Run-

ningwater, filmmaker Sterlin Harjo (Seminole, and Creek Nations), Chad Burris (Chickasaw Nation) and Australian filmmaker Rachel Perkins (Arrernte/Kalkadoon Nations).

Filmmakers' roundtable

A panel of Native filmmakers including Sterlin Harjo (Seminole/Creek) and Jason Asenap (Comanche) will open the event at 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 7. The topic of the roundtable discussion is "Perspectives in Indigenous Filmmaking."

Indigenous film "*Bran Nue Dae*" will be presented at 11 a.m. Director Rachel Perkins will be on-hand following the screening to take questions.

"*Senna*" will be screened at 2 p.m., followed by a question-and-answer session with director Asif Kapadia.

"*Buck*" will show at 4 p.m., followed by "*On the Ice*" at 6 p.m., and "*Beginners*" at 8 p.m.

A panel of independent filmmakers discussing perspectives on independent filmmaking will open Saturday's events at 10 a.m.

"*Senna*" will be screened at 11 a.m.; "*Bran Nue Dae*" will be presented at 2 p.m. Both will be followed by time with the film's directors.

"*Somewhere Between*" will be presented at 4 p.m., and "*Another Earth*" at 6 p.m.

All Film Forward films will be shown free of charge. Film schedule is subject to change.

Sundance Institute's Managing Director, Jill Miller and Film Forward Manager Jacqueline Carlson will also be in attendance.

"Film connects us all through a shared language of storytelling," said Keri Putnam, executive director, Sundance Institute. "Sundance Institute is proud to offer and opportunity for filmmakers and audiences to share in a rich exchange of ideas through our presentation of this Film Forward initiative in collaboration with the Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw Cultural Center."

World Tour

Sulphur, Oklahoma marks Film Forward's seventh stop this year as it travels around the globe promoting greater cultural awareness. Recent destinations have included Colombia, China; Morocco; Imperial Valley, California and Mexico.

Sunday, Sept. 9 will spotlight Chickasaw filmmaking with a presentation of "*Pearl*."

For information about the event, contact Brian Cooke at (580) 622-7138.

For a complete schedule of Film Forward screenings visit <http://www.sundance.org/filmforward/destination/oklahoma-2012/>

'Film Forward' featured productions

Another Earth / USA (Director: Mike Cahill).

Beginners / USA (Director: Mike Mills).

Bran Nue Dae / Australia (Director: Rachel Perkins).

Buck / USA (Director: Cindy Meehl).

On the Ice / USA (Director: Andrew Okpeaha MacLean).

Senna / UK (Director: Asif Kapadia).

Somewhere Between / USA (Director: Linda Goldstein Knowlton).

About the Sundance Institute

Founded by actor and director Robert Redford in 1981. Sundance Institute is a global, nonprofit cultural organization dedicated to nurturing artistic expression in film and theater, and to supporting intercultural dialogue between artists and audiences.

The Institute promotes independent storytelling to unite, inform and inspire, regardless of geo-political, social, religious or cultural differences.

Internationally recognized for its annual Sundance Film Festival and its artistic development programs for directors, screenwriters, producers, film composers, playwrights and theatre artists, Sundance Institute has nurtured such projects as *Born into Brothels*, *Trouble the Water*, *Son of Babylon*, *Amreeka*, *An Inconvenient Truth*, *Spring Awakening*, *Light in the Piazza* and *Angels in America*.

Join Sundance Institute on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Event advances cultural dialogue

"Film Forward: Advancing Cultural Dialogue" is an international cultural exchange program designed to enhance cross-cultural understanding, collaboration and dialogue around the globe by engaging audiences through the exhibition of film and conversation with filmmakers.

Film Forward is an initiative of Sundance Institute and The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Federal partners

The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities and The Institute of Museum and Library Services have combined to support the "Film Forward" project.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, Media Relations.

Tribe, ECU, City of Ada gather for 'National Night Out'



Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Officer Brent Harper takes a moment to greet his daughter Payson, at Ada's 2012 National Night Out event. Held annually, the family-friendly festivities promote community unity and honor local law enforcement and emergency response teams.

ADA, Okla. – Hundreds of people braved the heat and humidity for Ada's "National Night Out" event on August 7 at East Central University. An annual nationwide event, National Night Out increases public awareness of anticrime

efforts and crime and drug prevention. The event gives citizens the opportunity to interact with local law enforcement agencies, fire departments and search and rescue teams.

In the welcoming ceremony, Chickasaw Nation martial arts instructor Matt Clark introduced East Central president Josh Hargrave. President Hargrave expressed the important role "National Night Out" events can play in promoting neighborhood unity and positive police-community partnerships.

"This is a night when we honor law enforcement, fire, search and rescue," he said. "National Night Out is a night to appreciate all those we may have to call one day."

Jointly sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, the City of Ada and East Central University, the three-hour event featured an American Sign Language performance of the Lord's Prayer by Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker, Chickasaw Junior Princess Rachell Meely and Little Miss Chickasaw Keilyn Factor and a choreographed skills demonstration by Chickasaw martial arts

students.

Kid-friendly activities at National Night Out included a bounce house, dunk tank, rubber duck game, football throw, free popcorn and hands-on Chickasaw Nation science, technology, engineering and math robotics.

After a game of beanbag toss at the Chickasaw Kids booth, six-year-old, Gabby Nucosee said "I'm having a lot of fun. I like watching people get dunked in the water tank and the robots are really cool."

Gabby's mom, Couita Nucosee, enjoyed the event too.

"I'm glad we have events like National Night Out," she said, "It's great for our community."

Representatives from the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police,

Ada Police, local EMS crews, fire departments and search and rescue teams were out in full force interacting with attendees.

Local radio station 105.5 "The X-Factor" set up a remote broadcast and numerous educational booths at the event provided citizens with important health, safety and service information.

Over 15,000 communities in the U.S. and Canada participate in annual National Night Out events.

In 2011, more than 700 community members attended the Ada event, making it the largest in Oklahoma.

CONTRIBUTED BY Miranda Elliott, Public Affairs.

Photography sought for Visitor Center

The Chickasaw Nation has announced a "call to artists" for a photography exhibit to be permanently displayed at the new Chickasaw Nation Visitor's Center in Sulphur, Okla. The exhibit is titled "The Natural Beauty of the Chickasaw Nation," is open to both amateur and professional photographers.

The call is open to Chickasaw photographers in two age division, youth ages 13-17 and adults ages 19 and over. This will be a juried competition with an award of \$250 for each selected youth pieces and \$350 for each selected adult piece. Up to 10 photographs will be selected from each age group.

Deadline for submissions will be May 3, 2013 and announcement of awards will be June 7, 2013.

Photographs must be an original image and need to stay within the nature theme and shot within the 13 counties of the Chickasaw Nation. Must be Chickasaw to enter. Submissions can be mailed to The Chickasaw Nation Department of Tourism Photography Exhibition, One East Sheridan, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73014. For more information and for registration, contact Kelley Lunsford at Kelley.Lunsford@Chickasaw.net or by phone at (405) 361-4244.

CONTRIBUTED BY Nicole Walls, Public Affairs.

Tribe puts out call for large-scale sculptural piece for Visitor Center

A large-scale sculptural piece of art is being sought for the Chickasaw Nation's Visitor Center being built in Sulphur, Okla. The art will be permanently displayed at the visitor center.

The tribe is issuing a "call for proposal" for the art. The call is open to all citizens of federally-recognized tribes. Artists may work individually or in teams. All artists are required to submit their certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) cards.

Interested artists must submit

an initial proposal postmarked by September 28, 2012. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Proposals may be mailed to The Chickasaw Nation Department of Tourism Artist Submission, One East Sheridan, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73014.

For more information and for registration, contact Kelley Lunsford at Kelley.Lunsford@Chickasaw.net or by phone at (405) 361-4244.

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New Ardmore Senior Center exciting for Chickasaw elders



Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center with large scissors, is joined by tribal officials and Ardmore-area elders to cut the ribbon to officially open the new Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Senior Center July 23.

Mike McKee

ARDMORE, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined by Ardmore-area Chickasaw elders and tribal officials to unveil the new Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Senior Center in a special ribbon cutting ceremony July 23.

The new 9,730 square-foot facility, at 2420 Chickasaw Blvd., is open to all Chickasaw and Native American elders.

"The Chickasaw Nation has always emphasized the impor-

tance of serving our seniors," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This new senior center, along with the other recent additions to the Ardmore campus, helps us achieve our mission of enhancing the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people."

The Ardmore Senior Center now includes a full-service kitchen and large dining room, a separate computer room, an exercise room, a craft and game room, and a covered en-

trance for pick-up and drop-off.

The new building is positioned for easy access to other Chickasaw facilities, including Nutrition Services, the new health clinic and the wellness center, and is directly across the street from the Chickasaw Nation elder independent living apartments.

The Chickasaw Nation's Ardmore campus has seen plenty of construction in recent years. The elder independent living



The new Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Senior Center located at 2420 Chickasaw Blvd., Ardmore, Okla.

apartments were dedicated in the summer of 2011 and the new Ardmore Health Clinic was dedicated in July 2012.

"We are very excited to see our Ardmore campus blossom into a holistic service center for our citizens and other Native Americans," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We feel with each new addition and improvement we are one step closer to meeting all the needs of our people."

In 1988, the first Chickasaw senior site in the Ardmore area was located in the community center gymnasium. The succeeding senior center was opened in 1996, but the needs of the area elders outgrew the facility.

The Chickasaw Nation cur-

rently has 12 senior centers located in Achille, Ada, Ardmore, Colbert, Connerville, Duncan, Kullihoma, Madill, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Sulphur and Tishomingo, and one senior nutrition program in Oklahoma City.

At the centers, the Chickasaw Nation Aging program offers trips, health screenings, exercise classes, meals and education about a variety of subjects.

For more information about the Ardmore Senior Center and eligibility requirements, call the Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging at (580) 795-9790.

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Home for families of extended-stay patients

Ground broken on Chikasha House, home away from home



Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, is joined by tribal officials and guests during the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Chikasha House July 31. Joining Gov. Anoatubby are, from left, Wayne Sims, administrator of the Southern Plains office for Native American programs with HUD; hospital board member Tommie Richardson; legislators Katie Case, Shana Tate Hammond and Nancy Elliott; Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel; Gov. Anoatubby; Chickasaw Nation Division of Health administrator Dr. Judy Goforth-Parker; legislators Mary Jo Green, Connie Barker and Toby Perkins; and Harris Construction contractors Richard Harris and Robert Park.

Mike McKee

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation broke ground July 31 on Chikasha House. This special facility will offer temporary living quarters for family members of some medical patients.

The 2,342 square-foot home, located just south of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, 1921 Stonecipher Blvd. in Ada, will be available for family members of patients experiencing extended hospital stays.

"We understand the worry patients and family members have with the high costs of travel and locating lodging," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "This innovative facility will benefit our patients and their family members by offering affordable, convenient and relaxing

lodging for family members of a patient experiencing an extended stay in the medical center."

The Chikasha House is expected to be complete in January 2013. It will be comprised of two units. Each unit will offer four bedrooms equipped with a queen-sized bed, sitting area and private bathroom.

Amenities will include a shared kitchen, dining and living room areas, laundry facilities, an outside patio, and a state-of-the art security, surveillance system and safe room.

A grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Indian Community Development Block Grant program and matching tribal

funds will be used to build Chikasha House.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Health serves more than 450,000 patients each year in the new state-of-the-art 370,000 square foot Medical Center in Ada, and health clinics in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Durant and Purcell. The Division of Health also operates three nutrition centers, three wellness centers and a diabetes care center.

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Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy unleashes 'Power of the Arts'

ADA, Okla. - The power of the arts was unleashed at the eighth annual Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy at East Central University, July 16-27.

More than 150 Chickasaw youth from across the nation tapped into their artistic abilities during the two-week academy. Some enhanced their talents while others discovered their abilities for the first time.

The Arts Academy provides opportunity for students, ages eight to 19, to gain valuable experience from highly-qualified instructors in 10 disciplines - vocal music, textile design, video production, theatre tech, dance, theatre, visual arts 2-dimensional, creative writing, music composition and visual arts 3-dimensional.

This year's theme was "Visions of Brilliance."

"It's artistic, fun and exciting," said 10-year-old Mae Redmond, whose interests range from dance and theatre to photography.

Younger students experience a variety of subjects with a six-discipline fine arts rotation that includes theatre, creative writing, dance, vocal music, visual arts 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional.

The younger students were divided into six clans - panther, alligator, raccoon, bird, bear and wolf.

Alligator clan members Malachi "Ki" Milligan, Eddie Dill and Shane Skinner said their newly-formed friendship was

a perk of the academy.

Nine-year-old Malachi, of Ada, said he enjoyed 2D and 3D art classes the most.

"Arts Academy is really fun. You get to paint and sing and dance."

"I'm coming back next year," nine-year-old Eddie Dill said.

Shane Skinner returned to Arts Academy for the second time. He enjoys painting.

The trio, along with their classmates, performed "Discover Your Fire" at the academy finale, where they were excited to sing and dance to "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" and "Testify to Love."

Level I Dance ensemble Caroline Skaggs, Catie McCraw, and

"The Chickasaw Nation is raising leaders and focusing on the second generation. They are investing in us and mentoring us and that is maintaining a strong Nation. I am proud to be Chickasaw."

Katie Redman

Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy student

Mae Redmond enjoyed their time at Arts Academy and love to perform on stage.

"We all like to be on stage and we try our hardest to do our best while performing," said Catie, who credits the success of the academy to the instructors.

"The teachers are great, they have a lot of energy."

Catie, of Durant, Okla., plans to focus on dance when she gets older, but she also enjoys art and photography.

Nine-year-old Caroline enjoys dance and hopes to be

a professional photographer someday.

"It is fun taking pictures," she said.

Like the other girls, Mae enjoys all aspects of Arts Academy.

"It's artistic, fun and exciting," she said.

Advanced students honed their skills with 10-discipline level II classes. Each level II student focused on a certain discipline, allowing him to specialize in that major.

Katie Redman, of Norman, Okla., focused on 2D art and vocal music training.

The 19-year-old first picked up a paintbrush at Arts Academy three years ago. Today, she is making a splash in the local art community.

"I've been blessed with talent, but I didn't start painting until I came to Arts Academy, Miss Redman said. "Every year I learn something different; things that are a challenge at first and then it's like - 'whoa- I can do it!'"

Miss Redman began attending Arts Academy six years ago and has spent five of those years enhancing her visual art techniques and her vocal talents.

Since her time at the annual seminar, the Chickasaw artist has been commissioned to paint several pieces. She has produced a skateboard painting for a client, and she recently placed third in a statewide art competition.

Painting still life and scratchboard techniques are the two new skills she studied this year, her final at the Academy.

Although she aspires to be a missionary and nurse in third world countries, she is thankful of her Chickasaw tribe for giving her the opportunity to paint and sing.

"The Chickasaw Nation is raising leaders and focusing on the second generation," Miss Redman said. "They are investing in us and mentoring us and that is maintaining a strong nation. I am proud to be Chickasaw."

The Academy culminated



Katie Redman, of Norman, Okla. works on a still life painting at Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy. The 19-year-old, along with more than 150 talented Arts Academy participants, developed their talents and skills during the eighth annual Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy, July 16-28 at East Central University in Ada.



Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy Textile Design students with their instructor, Margaret Wheeler, at left. From left, Mrs. Wheeler, Brenna Willie, Olivia McCarty, Michaela Milligan, Ryanne Jordan, Kayla Halverson and teacher assistant Maya Stewart.



Alligator clan members, from left, Shane Skinner, Eddie Dill and Malachi "Ki" Milligan during a break at Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy, conducted last month. The trio said their newly-formed friendship was a perk of the academy.

Marcy Gray



Chickasaw youth dancers Caroline Skaggs, Mae Redmond and Catie McGraw enjoy Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy, conducted at East Central University in Ada, Okla., July 16-27.

Study at NYC Fashion Institute

Young Chickasaw fashion designers touch heritage for modern creations

Ryanne Jordan models her patchwork inspired vest during the 2012 Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.



Michaela Milligan modeling her southeastern designed coat during 2012 Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.

ADA, Okla. - Fashion is a universal language that reaches across many cultures. As designers, students and fashion connoisseurs across the world celebrated World Fashion Day Aug. 21, two young Chickasaw students took fashion a step further.

Fashion is embedded in the society of the Chickasaw Nation. For hundreds of years, Chickasaws have been designing their own regalia. Designs and materials have evolved over time and now Ryanne Jor-

dan and Michaela Milligan use their passion for the art and their Chickasaw heritage for inspiration.

"Michaela brings her heritage in each one of her designs, said Chickasaw artist-in-residence Margaret Roach Wheeler.

"During the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy, she used bear paws in her piece. In her Chickasaw heritage, the bear paws have a significant meaning to her and her family."

Both students began taking textile design classes at the

Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy. During each summer at the Academy, students studied under the direction of Chickasaw artists. Textile artist Margaret Roach Wheeler and Maya Stewart, luxury handbag designer, have become mentors to the students.

This year during the Arts Academy, students were asked to create designs using torn pieces of fabric. Traditionally, Native Americans would tear the fabric from rectangles to create clothing because scis-

sors were not available.

After learning about the history of torn fabrics, each student created a fresh and modern piece that could be used in an everyday look. Ryanne created a vest that incorporated Seminole patchwork along the bottom, and Michaela used the historic capote coat for inspiration. With this in mind, Michaela gave the coat a modern twist and created a trench coat using Seminole patchwork to accent.

"Margaret and Maya are

great teachers," said Ryanne. "I have learned how to sew my own clothes from Margaret and Maya, and I have learned how to pursue fashion as a career."

This summer, Ryanne and Michaela attended a one-week precollege program for high school students at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. Each student was asked to select a certain area of fashion to study in the program. Ryanne selected to study fashion illustration and Michaela chose wire-wrapped jewelry design.

"Ryanne is very ahead of her time when it comes to fashion," said Ms. Stewart. "She knows designers, she reads fashion blogs, and after seeing her designs it is hard to believe she is 15."

The students were accompanied to New York by their mentors and instructors - Mrs. Wheeler and Ms. Stewart. While in New York they had the chance to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art, National Museum of the American Indian and the Costume Institute.

"Every single year the students seem more talented and their designs blow me away," said Ms. Stewart.

Ryanne is from Sherman, Texas and wants to pursue a career in fashion. She said she was inspired by other designers and fashion blogs. When designing, she likes to keep her style young and she designs for her age group.

Michaela, of Ada, Okla., is interested in the art of fashion. She does not like using straight lines in her designs. She said she was inspired by movement and tries to incorporate fluid movement when she can in each of the pieces she creates.

Art from the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy is now on display at the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities gallery in Ada. The gallery also includes designs by both Ryanne Jordan and Michaela Milligan.

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About the Chickasaw Nation

With more than 50,000 citizens, the Chickasaw Nation is the 12th largest federally-recognized Indian tribe in the United States.

The Chickasaw Nation had an economic impact of more than \$2.4 billion in Oklahoma in 2011. The tribe is the seventh-largest employer in

Oklahoma, with more than 10,000 employees in the state and more than 12,500 worldwide. A democratic republic with executive, legislative and judicial departments, the tribe's jurisdictional territory includes all or part of 13 countries in south central Oklahoma.

About the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy

The two-week Academy offered by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities provides a unique opportunity for students.

Students from ages eight to 19 gain valuable experience from highly qualified professional instructors in several

disciplines including textile design, video production, dance and many more.

Classes are offered on two levels, with a six-discipline fine arts rotation for younger students and 11-discipline level II classes for advanced students.

Hinoshi' Himitta' students discover education options



Inaugural Hinoshi' Himitta' participants gear-up for student orientation on July 31. From left, Amy Gantt, Katie Akerman, Tristen Wood, Patrick Cornelison, Melissa McBride, Taylor Zilem, Lindi Robinson, Shaina Teel, Thunder Hicks, Randy Brown, Lori Hamilton and Heather Duns. Not pictured Jordan Zilem and Autumn Underwood.

ADA, Okla.— Hinoshi' Himitta', or "New Path" is an exciting new mentorship program for Chickasaw high school students. Conceived by the tribe's Division of Education, the program supports students as they navigate the journey from secondary to post-secondary education.

Throughout the program's course, students learn about regional, research and community colleges, as well as vocational training and other education opportunities.

"Students will be given information on financial aid, grants and scholarships," Education specialist Katie Ak-

erman said. "They will also be volunteering throughout the community, attending Chickasaw Nation events and meetings to learn more about the history and culture of our people."

Ten students are participating in Hinoshi' Himitta's inaugural year.

On July 30, Education representatives hosted a parent-student orientation dinner.

"The parent-student orientation allowed us to get great feedback, mainly from parents, about what they need and want from this program," Ms. Akerman said.

A student-only orientation was conducted July 31 at Laser Zone Family Fun Center.

Students played laser tag, bowled, worked on short and long-term goal-setting and completed career inventories.

"The student orientation was all about teambuilding, fostering communication and teamwork," Ms. Akerman said. "We wanted to get the students used to one another and the Education Services staff."

Hinoshi' Himitta' students

are required to attend monthly meetings, and participate in the majority of events.

Over the next several months, Hinoshi' Himitta' students will attend the National Indian Education Association Conference, travel to Oklahoma State University's Native American Visitation Day, march in the Chickasaw Nation Festival parade, and participate in a number of other special events.

For more information about Hinoshi' Himitta' or other programs and services facilitated by the Division of Education visit www.chickasaweducationservices.com or call (580) 421-7711.

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July 28 during the "Festival of the Arts" presentation at Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center.

Frieda Clark, Arts Academy co-director, said the academy provides students "an opportunity to learn and grow," in addition to providing instructions in various disciplines.

"A lot of schools are leaving off art, which is very important," Ms. Clark said. "Even if they never become great artists or sculptors or musicians, they will appreciate that art. It will be in their heart."

The fine arts rotation instructors were: Krista Clark (theatre), Leanne West (visual arts 2-dimensional), Kelby Pletcher (vocal music), Sunnie Smith (creative writing), Phoebe

Barron (dance), and Laura Clark (ArtsAlive!).

Level II instructors were: Karita Coffey (visual art 3-dimensional), Phillip Berryhill (vocal music), Chris Shofner (video production), James Wallace (theatre tech), Eric Hardison (visual arts 2-dimensional), Lei Rumley (theatre), Rachel Hendricks (dance), Jim Wilson (creative writing), Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate (music composition) and Margaret Roach Wheeler (textile design).

The admission process for the academy begins each spring. For more information, please visit www.chickasaw.net or contact the Division of Arts and Humanities at (580)272-5520.

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ChickasawKids.com has been updated!

- Visit ChickasawKids.com and explore Chickasaw history, traditions and culture.
- ChickasawKids.com features games, activities, recipes and printable coloring sheets.
- The website serves as a teaching tool for Chickasaw youth.
- Don't forget to visit www.chickasawkids.com

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Student artwork at Ada A&H Gallery

Artwork created by Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy students is showcased at the "Chickasaw Youth Art Show" Aug. 31 through Sept. 7 at the Arts & Humanities gallery, 201 N. Broadway in Ada,

Okla.

Featured works include textiles, pottery, painting, scratchboard and jewelry.

For more information, contact Marcus Milligan at (580) 272-5520.

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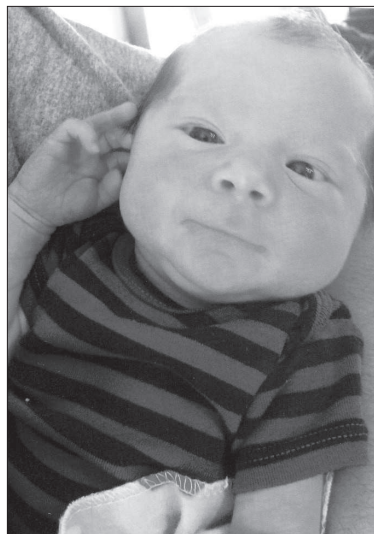


Jeremiah Avery Ahtone

Jeremiah Avery Ahtone was born June 9, 2012 at Norman, Okla. He weighed 5 lbs., 12 oz., and measured 18.24 inches at birth.

Proud parents are Allyson and David Ahtone.

He is the grandson of Tahda Ahtone. He is the great-grandson of Mary Ahtone and Elaine Fennel, of Ada.



Boston Charles Tapp

Boston Charles Tapp was born 2:48 a.m., July 24, 2012 at St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa. He weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz., and measured 19 1/2 inches at birth.

He is the son of Jamie and Heather Tapp, of Wagoner, Okla.

He was welcomed home by his big sister, Kamdyn Ann "Kat" Tapp.

He is the grandson of Diana Leader Banker and Steve Banker, of McAlester, and Terry Tapp, of Paden, Okla.

He is the great-grandson of Helen Clifford Leader, of Bowlegs, Okla., the late Charles "Sonny" Leader, and the great-great-grandson of Mary Lois Gore Clifford, of Ada, Okla.



Ever Grace Alexander

Ever Grace Alexander was born at 5:06 a.m., July 28, 2012 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada. She weighed 8 lbs., 14 oz., and measured 19 1/2 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Chickasaw parents, Will and Rebecca Biggs Alexander.

She is the granddaughter of Rance and Annette Biggs, of Tishomingo, Okla., and Rick and Beth Alexander, of Achille, Okla.

She is the first great-granddaughter of Mrs. June Leake, of Howe, Texas.

Ever Grace is the great-granddaughter of Lela Biggs, of Tishomingo, Joan and Gene Horton, of Ravia, Okla., and Don and Nancy Alexander, of Bonham, Texas

She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Proverbs 3:15



Maximus Alfredo Alvarez

Maximus Alfredo Alvarez was born April 25, 2012. He weighed 8 lbs., 11 oz., and measured 11 inches at birth.

He is the son of Alfredo Alvarez and Tenesha Anderson-Alvarez, of Oklahoma City.

He is the grandson of Ronald Anderson (Chickasaw/Choctaw), of Lone Grove, Okla., and Shondra Anderson (Pawnee), of Oklahoma City.

He is the great-grandson of Raymond and Christine (Brown) Anderson (Chickasaw/Choctaw), of Lone Grove.



Julian Andres Alexander Jacome

Julian Andres Alexander Jacome was born at 2:40 p.m., July 1, 2012. He weighed 9 lbs., 2 oz., and measured 21.5 inches at birth.

He was welcomed by his parents, Joaquin Alexander Jacome and Jessica Jacome and his sister, Emma Jacome, all of Rogersville, MO.

He is the grandson of Victor and Carmela Jacome, of Rogersville, and Steve and Debbie Saunders, of Ardmore, Okla.

He is the great-grandson of Kathleen and Melvin Stone, of Durant, Okla., Joaquin and Gloria Jacome, of Tracy, Calif., Kenneth Evans, of Stroud, Okla., and Pauline Saunders, of Bethany, Okla.



Zayne Joshua Keck

Sasha Keck announces the birth of her son, Zayne Joshua Keck. He was born July 19, 2012 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. He weighed 5 lbs., 3.2 oz., and measured 17 1/2 inches at birth.

He is the grandson of Stormy Busby and Denny Boyd, of Davis, Okla., and Jason and Melanie Keck, of Sulphur, Okla.

He is the great-grandson of Don and Jeanne Keck, of Roff, Okla., the late Retha Cravatt, and Larry Cravatt, of Ada, Okla..

He is the nephew to proud Uncle Morgan and Aunt Summer and cousin to Keelen Keck, all of Sulphur.

BIRTHDAY



Redek Lee Collins

Redek Lee Collins turned two years old August 9, 2012 and celebrated with his Mom, Dad and Grammy at the Splash Pad in Ada, Okla.

On August 11 he celebrated with a 'Mike the Knight' pizza party at Mazzio's Pizza in Ada. He enjoyed pizza, soft drinks, cake, cupcakes and ice cream with his family including cousins, Garrett, Ben, Jackson, Carlee and Spencer.

Redek is the son of Derek and Rachael Collins.

He is the grandson of Vicky and Bill Gold, Buddy Tartsah and Eddie and Tammy Collins.



Kamdyn Ann Tapp

Kamdyn Ann "Kat" Tapp celebrated her second birthday June 2, 2012 with a party at her home in Wagoner, Okla.

She is the daughter of Jamie and Heather Tapp.

She is the granddaughter of Diana Leader Banker and Steve Banker, of McAlester, and Terry Tapp, of Paden, Okla.

She is the great-granddaughter of Helen Clifford Leader, of Bowlegs, Okla., the late Charles "Sonny" Leader, and the great-great-granddaughter of Mary Lois Gore Clifford, of Ada, Okla.



Aubri Lynn Brauning

Aubri Lynn Brauning celebrated her 10th birthday July 21, 2012. She is the fifth grade at Bowlegs Elementary School.

She is the daughter of Justin Brauning, of Bowlegs, Okla., and Amber Coon, of Seminole, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Kay Leader Brauning, of Bowlegs, and Susan Gentry and Jimmy Dean Harjo, of Bowlegs.

She is the great-granddaughter of Helen Clifford Leader, of Bowlegs, Okla., the late Charles "Sonny" Leader, and the great-great-granddaughter of Mary Lois Gore Clifford, of Ada, Okla.



Shirley Kelly

Shirley Kelly celebrated her 51st birthday, August 13, 2012.

She is the daughter of the late Mary Etta Dick Kelly and Eligah Kelly Sr.

She is the mother of Tyson Barber, of Arlington, Texas and Mary Johnson, of Midland, Texas.

She enjoys spending time with her four grandchildren and playing dominoes.

For her birthday she spent time with her grandkids and her youngest daughter.

Much Love and many birthday wishes sent to you Ms. Kelly!

We love you from the Barber Family!

CHICKASAW GRADUATES

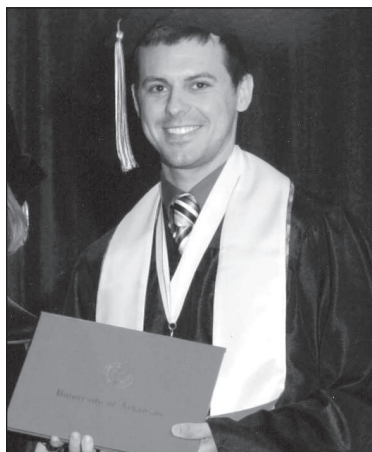


Coree Pierce

Coree JoAnna Pierce is a 2012 graduate from the University of California, Bakersfield. She is the daughter of Larry and Tanna Pierce, of Boron, Calif. She is the great-great-great-granddaughter of James Mac Johnson and the great-great-granddaughter of Lenorah Johnson Cross, both original enrollees.

Ms. Pierce graduated cum laude June 16 earning a bachelor's of science degree in biology and was on the Dean's List. She is a member of Phi Sigma Sigma and served as president of the sorority. She participated in the biology club.

Ms. Pierce is pursuing a career in biology research and is grateful for the support she received from the Chickasaw Nation.



Jeffrey Roeser

Jeffrey Randal Roeser is a 2012 graduate from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. He is the son of Jimmy and Cathy Roeser, of Borden, Ind. He is the grandson of Billie Troutt, of Richardson, Texas, the late Ernest Troutt and the late John Roeser, of Dickinson, Texas.

Mr. Roeser graduated magna cum laude from the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Science with a bachelor's degree in chemistry/biochemistry and a minor in Spanish.

His plans are to continue his education at the University of Houston School of Law.

He is a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and wishes to thank the Chickasaw Education Services for the support in helping him achieve his goals.



Ryan Kelly

Ryan Kelly named 'Student of Today'

Ryan Kelly, a sixth-grader at Irving Middle School in Norman, Okla., has recently been recognized with the 'Student of Today' award.

The Student of Today program is sponsored by the Oklahoma Freemasons. Students are selected by teachers and administrators. Students are recognized for citizenship, patriotism and scholastic excellence.

Ryan is the son of Robert Dale Kelly, Jr., and Lara Kelly, of Norman.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Kelly Costello

Kelly Costello named to National Honor Society

Kelly Costello, a Chickasaw senior at Suffield (CT) High School has been elected to the National Honor Society.

Miss Costello plans to pursue a degree in English and Theater. She is active in the French Club and Drama Club and is a member of the High School Student Council.

Miss Costello is the daughter of Frank and Gena Costello; granddaughter of Lonnie and Jane Maytubby, Oklahoma City; and great-great-granddaughter of Lymon (an original enrollee) and Nita Maytubby, of Moore, Okla.



Ashton Leigh Rees

Chickasaw cheerleader Ashton Leigh Rees to perform at Macy's Thanksgiving Parade

Ashton Leigh Rees, a Chickasaw senior at Thayer (MO) High School will performing at the 86th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Nov. 22 in New York City.

Miss Rees received the invitation after trying out for All-American Cheerleader during NCA Cheer Camp this past July in Jonesboro, Ark. Performers must be All-Americans, a junior or senior in high school and a captain or co-captain of their squad in order to qualify for the trip.

Miss Rees and approximately 650 cheerleaders representing every state will join celebrities, floats, giant balloons and elite marching bands in this American tradition.

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is a holiday tradition begun 1924. Over 2 million spectators line the parade route and an estimated 65 million people watch the parade on television.

The trip and the performance are a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and Miss Rees is thrilled and honored to have qualified for this exciting program.

Miss Rees grandmother, Betty Howard, is the great-great-granddaughter of the first elected Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, Cyrus Harris.

Miss Rees is currently raising funds to attend this event and will happily accept any donations. Please send any donations to: Ashton Rees, P.O. Box 214, Thayer, MO 65791

BIRTHDAY



Tyson Roshell Barber

Tyson Roshell Barber celebrated her 32nd birthday August 21, 2012. She is the granddaughter of Eligah and Mary Etta Kelly and the daughter of Shirley Kelly.

A LVN of nine years she resides in Arlington, Texas, with her husband of two years and three beautiful children.

Happy Birthday Mama,
We love you!



Happy Birthday, Mrs. Anderson!

Shirley Anderson, sitting holding baby, was surprised June 30, 2012 by her family with an 80th birthday party in Turlock, Calif. Mrs. Anderson is the daughter of original enrollee, Floyd Waldon. Joining Mrs. Anderson in the photo are some of her grandchildren and spouses and her great-grandchildren. She had a great party and always enjoys spending time with her family. She has five children, 11 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Raychael Harjo

Chickasaw ballplayer member of top team

Chickasaw basketball player Raychael Harjo, 9, member of the OK Lady Bombers Elite 2021 placed first in the third-grade division at MAYB Basketball Nationals at Stillwater, Okla., August 5.

Raychael is third-grade student at Eisenhower Elementary School, Norman, Okla.,

She is the daughter of Ronnie and Tracy Harjo, of Norman.



Cheyennea Duke

Student on NHS, Chickasaw Honor Club

Cheyennea Duke, a junior at Savanna (OK) High School, is a member of the National Honor Society.

She is also a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club. She has received a certificate of excellence and a Letter S Award in cheerleading.

Cheyennea Duke is the daughter of Clint Duke and Angie Hill, of McAlester, Okla.

Her grandmother is Sara Duke, of Ada, Okla.

Cheyennea is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Lula Taylor.



Nate Johnson

Chickasaw soph shines at summer camps

Nate Johnson, a Sulphur (OK) High School sophomore, excelled in several football camps this summer.

Nate attended the National Underclassmen combine in Yukon, Okla.; the National Underclassmen 100 in Dallas; and Top Prospect Elite Camp at the University of Oklahoma.

Nate competed in a number of drills and his 7-on-7 team won at 100 and Top Elite.

Nate is the son of Amy Rocha and Charlie Johnson.



Brad Burns

Brad Burns named Waxahachie principal

A Chickasaw administrator has been named principal of Waxahachie (TX) High School.

Brad Burns comes to Waxahachie High from Lewisville (TX) High.

Mr. Burns earned his bachelor's degree at Oklahoma State University and his Master's of Education degree at the University of Texas-Arlington. He began his school career in Marietta, Okla.

He is the son of Anna Mae Orr-Burns and the late Charles Burns. He is a direct descendent of Edmund Pickens.

He and his wife, Jennifer, have three daughters, Ally, Cassidy and Bryten.

Cafilish, Stilson exchange vows in Wisconsin



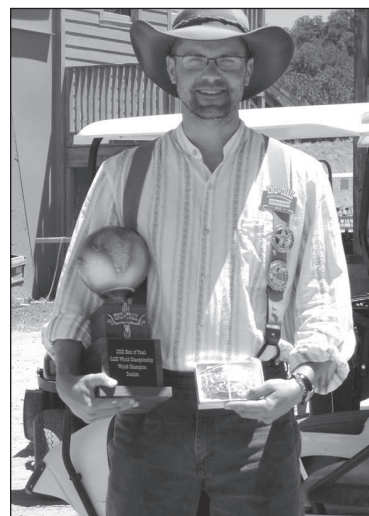
Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Stilson

Joseph and Colleen Stilson announce the marriage of their son, Zachary, to Breanna Cafilish on July 14, 2012 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church,

Baraboo, Wis.

A reception was at the Elks Club and attended by family and friends.

Chickasaw marksman named Single Action World Champion Duelist



Gordon Parker

Chickasaw citizen Gordon Parker earned the title of World Champion in competitive shooting during a New Mexico competition last summer.

Mr. Parker, 43, was named the Single Action Shooting So-

ciety's World Champion Duelist during the 31st annual "End of the Trail" event, June 21-23 in Albuquerque.

"End of the Trail" is known as the world championship of cowboy action shooting. It is the nation's oldest and largest cowboy action shooting competition and Wild West festival.

Participants in cowboy action shooting use single-action revolvers, lever-action rifles and double-barrel shotguns, all modeled after guns made in the late 1800s.

Mr. Parker, also known as "Potshot Parker," was among more than 1,000 authentically dressed competitors and participants from around the world.

Mr. Parker is a high school teacher in Georgia.

He holds with a master's degree in technology education.

Rude, Walker exchange vows in California



Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Craig RudeWalker

Sarah Ann Rude and Mathew Craig Walker were married May 7 at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Berkeley, Calif. Father John Dieren officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Anne and Lawrence Rude, of Manassas, Virginia. She is a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Virginia and a current doctoral candidate in English at Penn State University in State College, Pennsylvania.

The groom is the son of Debra and Craig Walker, of Winters, Calif. He is a summa cum laude graduate of the University of California at Davis and a current doctoral candidate in English at Penn State University.

Jennifer Marie Rude, sister of the bride, served as Maid of

Honor.

Edward Ray Mills, cousin of the groom, served as Best Man.

In honor of Mathew's Chickasaw roots, the couple performed a variation on the traditional Chickasaw wedding ceremony on May 6, giving each other Pendleton blankets instead of meat and corn. Sarah gave Mathew a "Spring" blanket, which is based on Chickasaw designs.

The couple, who both changed their last names to RudeWalker, honeymooned in Cusco, Peru, where they visited Machu Picchu and other important Inca sites.

The couple will make their home at State College, with their three dogs, until they complete their Ph.D work.

Letters to Editor

My time at Sundance Film Festival

Following is a report by Yahmonee Beyunken Cavasos Hedrick, Chickasaw youth who served as a "cub reporter" at the Sundance Film Festival in Utah.

My experience at Sundance was incredible. As soon as I boarded the plane, I didn't know what to expect. We got there and the first thing we did was attend a movie called "Filly Brown" (starring Lou Diamond Phillips, Edward James Olmos and co directed by his son). Which my fellow interviewers were fortunate enough to interview the cast. That completed my first day and we proceeded to our cabin.

The following morning we went to observe a man interviewing Ice-T and Stacy Paralta. Then I went to a movie named "Indie Games." It was about individual video game makers going through the game making process through their challenges and successes. That was my favorite movie out of all of them. After that movie we had lunch and then a couple other interviewers and I went shopping at the town plaza which was pretty fun considering it was snowing the whole time. Then we went to our cabin.

The next day was my favorite day of the trip. It was the day I got to do my interviews.

Grateful for great-grandad's decision

Dear Editor:

I didn't know my great-grandfather, Galloway Bond, but I will forever be grateful to him for signing the Dawes Roll and registering as a member of the Chickasaw tribe.

I'm sure he had no idea what positive influence it would have on his descendants. During that time it was shameful to be labeled as an "Indian," but he must have been proud to be Chickasaw to proceed with enrolling, regardless of society's prejudice against Native Americans at that time. The biggest effect that his actions had on me was that I am now able to identify myself as a Chickasaw and the Chickasaw Nation has been wonderful to me.

My grandmother, Alice (Bond) Phillips, always reminded me while I was growing up to be proud to be Chickasaw. She often told me stories of my ancestors and she would take me to the Chickasaw Senior Center to meet her friends and

The first interview I did was with Director Tusi Tamasese of "The Orator." The next interview I did was with Owl Johnson who worked with the native films in the festival. My favorite interview was only still to come. My favorite interview was at the red carpet for "Red Hook Summer." What made that interview so amazing was that it was my first red carpet and the movie was directed by Spike Lee and we even got to talk to him. We went back to the cabin one last day and the next day we headed out.

My experience at Sundance Film Festival 2012 was (as I said) incredible. I can't wait to see what kind of not only interviews but also movies and other activities there are next year! Things that I liked about this year were all the interviews that I did (especially the red carpet for "Red Hook Summer!") and even though I was very nervous and I thought it was noticeable everybody said I did really good. If you go to YouTube and look up On-NativeGround1 you can even see some of them. For now Sundance Film Festival 2012 is over but the next Sundance Film Festivals are only still to come.

By Yahmonee Beyunken Cavasos Hedrick

introduce me to my Chickasaw heritage.

She has always been a big encouragement in my life and still to this day she continuously tells me how proud she is of me.

Because of the Chickasaw Nation, I was able to go to the University of Central Oklahoma where I earned a bachelor's degree in English in 2004 and then a master's degree in English in 2010. I am currently living in South Korea and teaching English writing and presentation at a prestigious university in the Seoul area.

I am so thankful for my great-grandfather's noble choice of signing the roll, my grandmother's constant love and support, and to the Chickasaw Nation for being a major contributor to the pursuit of my goals. I am proud and honored to be a member of the Chickasaw Nation.

Respectively,
Autumn Garrett

Bialac collection to be displayed at Jones Museum

NORMAN, Okla. - The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art at the University of Oklahoma will host "The James T. Bialac Native American Art Collection: Selected Works" and "Indigenous Aesthetics: Selections from the James T. Bialac Native American Art Collection" in September.

The collection over 4,000 works representing indigenous cultures across North America. There are approximately 2,600 paintings and works on paper, 1,000 kachinas and 100 jewelry pieces.

The museum will offer complimentary admission Saturday, Sept. 22. A community celebration is scheduled from 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23 featuring demonstrations by several artists.

The artwork is a gift from James T. Bialac, of Arizona.

In 1964, Mr. Bialac purchased a painting by Robert Chee, the first of what would become a 50-year journey collecting art.

"The Bialac Collection offers a comprehensive survey of 20th-century Native American art," said chief curator Mark White.

The museum is at 555 Elm Ave., on the University of Oklahoma campus.

The museum website is www.ou.edu/fjjma

HEARTH Act signed



President Obama signs H.R. 205, the HEARTH Act of 2012, in the Oval Office on July 30. The Act allows tribes to lease their lands up to 25 years without Department of Interior approval. The Act should streamline business and housing development in Indian Country. Those witnessing the signing included Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, fourth from left. From left are Bryan Newland, Interior; Gov. Randall Vicente, Acoma Pueblo; David Hayes, Interior; Lt. Gov. Keel; Rep. Martiin Heinrich (D-N.M.); Interior Secretary Ken Salazar; Cheryl Causley, National American Indian Housing Council; Gov. Gregory Mendoza, Gila River Indian Community of Arizona; and Del Laverdure, Acting Assistant Secretary, Interior.

Enjoying 'Walk to Tuscumbia'



At the "Meet and Greet" at the Anoli Theater after the showing of the film "The Return Walk to Tuscumbia." Rebecca Henry, Jackie Henry, Charlotte Pierson, Sarah Henry and Rachael Henry meet Angela Broyles director and Annie Cooper Events Coordinator.

Chickasaw Commissioner at bill signing



Pontotoc County (OK) Commissioner and Chickasaw citizen Gary Starns, center, following the signing of H.R. 2249. The bill directed funding to the County Bridge Fund. Pictured from left, Johnny Ward, Coal County District #2 Commissioner; Randy Robinson, OCCEDB Executive Director; Gary Ridley, Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation; Dee Schieber, Kay County District #1 Commissioner (President of OCCEDB); Mike Postier, Garfield County District #2 Commissioner; Commissioner Starns (Secretary of ACCO Board of Directors); Mark Liotta, Tulsa County; Governor Mary Fallin; Brad Raven, Beaver County District #1 Commissioner; and Jerry Dean, Roger Mills County District #2 Commissioner (Past President of ACCO Board of Directors).

Chickasaw Hall of Fame nominations accepted through November 9

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2013 class of the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

Nominations must be received at the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters by the end of the business day, Friday, November 9, 2012.

Nominations of living or deceased individuals will be accepted for consideration.

Nominees must have distinguished themselves in their business, profession, craft, or vocation, thereby bringing honor to the Chickasaw Nation, and/or have made outstanding contributions to the Chickasaw Nation or society in general.

Inductees must be a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation or be eligible to become a citizen of the Nation.

Elected officials of the Chickasaw Nation are not eligible for induction into the Chickasaw

Nation Hall of Fame while holding office.

Inductees must commit to being present for the banquet and induction ceremonies in spring 2013.

Current employees are not eligible for nomination. Elected officials are ineligible for induction while holding office.

A nomination form is available on the Chickasaw Nation Website Visit www.chickasaw.net/hof. Nominations should be sent to Michele Tingle, Chickasaw Cultural Center, 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road, Sulphur, OK 73086 or emailed to Michele.tingle@chickasaw.net. For more information contact Michele Tingle at 580-622-7134.

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Tribe to host 13th Annual Ada Area Job Fair at Pontotoc Agri-Plex September 20

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation will host the 13th annual Ada Area Job Fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex, 1700 N. Broadway, in Ada.

At previous Ada Area Job Fairs, more than 50 employers have sought workers with varying skills and experience. Employers represent a wide range

of employment sectors including health care, finance, retail, transportation, customer service, distribution, mechanical, food services, construction, manufacturing, oil field, industrial maintenance and more.

This event is open to the public. Prior registration is not required for job seekers. Private rooms will be available

for employers who wish to interview on-site.

"We ask that job seekers bring plenty of error-free resumes and dress for success," said Darrell Walker, manager of Chickasaw Nation Career Services Department. "There will be many businesses that will want to do interviews on the spot."

The Ada Area Job Fair is co-sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, Murray State College, Pontotoc Technology Center, Workforce Oklahoma, Call-A-Ride, Ada Jobs Foundation and Southern Work Force Investment Board.

"The Ada Area Job Fair allows job seekers a chance to talk with several different companies at one place," Mr. Walker said. "It also gives employers a chance to hire qualified people and build their applicant pool if they will be hiring in the near future."

Vendors wishing to obtain booth space should pre-register by Sept. 10.

For more information, contact Darrell Walker at (580) 436-7291 or Darrell.Walker@chickasaw.net

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'Intro to Chickasaw' at Cultural Center

SULPHUR, Okla. - Linguist Pamela Munro and Chickasaw language expert Catherine Willmond conducted an Introduction to Chickasaw class, August 4 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

The class provided an overview of the sounds and spelling system, grammatical features and other interesting aspects of the Chickasaw language.

Ms. Munro is a linguistics professor at the University of California, Los Angeles. Ms.

Willmond is a native speaker of Chickasaw and was born in McMillan, Okla.

"Catherine and I have worked together since the 1970s," said Munro. "I enjoy learning the Chickasaw language and my favorite part is working with Catherine."

They are the co-authors of "Chickasaw: An Analytical Dictionary" and "Let's Speak Chickasaw, Chikashshanompa' Kilanompoli," Chickasaw Press publications.

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Immersion in business creates appreciation

Chickasaw students learn intricacies of jewelry design as Summer Youth



Karl Caton gently pounds his wire into shape.

As the summer winds down and thoughts of the new school year begin to enter the minds of Chickasaw students, many will remember the time they spent working in the Chickasaw Summer Youth Program. For Karl Caton and Addison Manning, a summer of work meant learning new skills.

Working for the Ada-based and Native-owned fine arts and jewelry company Katishtya Trails Mercantile, Mr. Caton and Miss Manning learned the basic skills involved in running and maintaining a small business. Focusing on production, distribution and sales, both students learned from owner-operator Fernando Padilla, as he opened his home to the Chickasaw youth.

"The Chickasaw summer youth is a great program," Mr. Padilla said. "It helps both small businesses and the kids involved. It gives me an opportunity to pass on knowledge to the children as they help me with my work during the busy summer months."

Passing on knowledge is second nature to Mr. Padilla.



Using a power tool in the studio, Addison Manning manipulates one of the wires used in her jewelry designs.

He has interacted with people as a Christian missionary. A San Felipe Pueblo and Navajo Indian, he learned many skills from relatives who were fellow artists and craftspeople. Since 2008, Mr. Padilla has been a member of the Indian Arts and Crafts Association, whose mission is to support the effective protection, ethical promotion and preservation of American Indian arts and crafts.

"As a boy I learned culture and traditions through our pueblos," Mr. Padilla said. "Making things for traditional activities and having the importance of the items explained by family and elders is an important part of our traditions. Color, perspective, clothing and cultural items have disconnected meanings unless explained."

For Miss Manning, 18, these lessons are important for her

future. Finishing her fourth year in the summer youth program, she can see how this year's experience will pay off. An aspiring photographer whose dreams include having her photographs published in the New York Times and National Geographic, she learned many artistic principles.

"I plan on going to school at the Dallas Art Institute for photography," she said. "I learned about the visual balance of my work, contrast and color usage that I can apply."

While working at Katishtya Trails Mercantile, the students learned about the art and science of wire-wrapped jewelry. They were immersed in other fine art mediums, including basic woodworking. Using both hand-held power tools and stationary bench tools, Mr. Caton and Miss Manning developed pieces from start to finish.

"We spend a lot of time working on an individual piece; these are one of a kind," Mr. Caton, 19, said. "We come up with ideas of what we want the jewelry to look like. Then we craft them with our own hands. Fernando stressed quality throughout the process because the finished product is a reflection of me."

Mr. Caton learned multiple life lessons as he worked with jewelry.

"I have learned patience at this job," he said. "I have big fingers. Cutting, polishing and wrapping the wire around a stone to hold it in place makes me settle down and focus."

Although not planning a career in the fine arts, Mr. Caton



From left, Karl Caton, Fernando Padilla and Addison Manning working together on their many jewelry designs.

will continue to apply what he has learned.

"Grandpa is really interested in my wire-wrapped jewelry and progress," he said. "He went to our open house. Since then, he has been clearing me a spot in his garage so I can continue to make jewelry as a hobby."

The Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth program has had an impact on young people and employers in south central Oklahoma for more than 25 years. Serving all 13 coun-

ties within the Chickasaw Nation, the program provides thousands of hours of quality, no-cost labor to dozens of employers.

Placed within a real world work environment, Chickasaw youth between the ages of 14 to 21 are able to gain work experience in their field of interest as availability permits.

For more information, contact any of the Chickasaw Nation Area Offices, or call (580) 436-7256.

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Connections

Connections is a weekly radio program on KCNP that covers a variety of topics and issues.

Each week, special guests are invited to discuss their areas of experience and expertise with host Brian Brashier.

Connections airs live on KCNP at 11 a.m. CDT each Wednesday on 89.5 FM or streaming online at www.kcnpradio.org.

This month on *Connections*:

During the month of September, *Connections* will feature area nonprofit organizations that are making a difference in the community.

"Pontotoc County Literacy Coalition"– September 5

The Pontotoc County Literacy

Coalition is a nonprofit devoted to solving the literacy deficit in Pontotoc County and networking with other organizations at the local, state and national levels to eradicate illiteracy in the United States.

"Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ada"– September 19

Big Brothers Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages six through 18, in communities across the country.

"Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma"– September 12

Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma strives to reach all girls

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"Goodwill Industries"– September 26

Goodwill serves local communities by selling donations in Goodwill stores and using the revenues to fund job training and career advancement programs that benefit hundreds of thousands of people each year.

Questions and comments for guests can also be emailed to feedback@kcnpradio.org.

Career Development Initiative (CDI) now accepting applications

The Career Development Initiative Program (CDI) is now accepting applications.

CDI is a six-month transitional program for qualified Chickasaw citizens in the Ada area. The program helps citizens who have a barrier to employment gain full time employment.

For additional information or to apply, please contact the CDI Office at (580) 272-5085.

This month on CNTV

Film Forward at the Chickasaw Cultural Center

The Chickasaw Cultural Center will host a free film festival September 7-8 in conjunction with the Sundance Institute. Find out more on CNTV.

Your Vote Counts!

The Chickasaw Nation is making sure American Indian voices are heard during this year's elections. Find out how you can register to vote!

Spirit of a Nation

CNTV will preview the exciting events happening during the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival. Join us as we celebrate Chickasaws and the persevering spirit of the Chickasaw Nation. ...and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.

Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

March 2012 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Madelyn Duty

Madelyn, daughter of Kathleen Duty, of Ada, Okla., is a March 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement in Theatre and Drama.



Madelyn Duty

Madelyn is a senior at Latta and was nominated by speech and drama teacher Davida Smith.

"Madelyn is a hard-working student in class," said Ms. Smith. "I am beginning to see her grow in her self-confidence. Positive self-esteem mixed with her desire to succeed will make for a well-rounded individual."

Madelyn enjoys reading and writing and likes to spend her time volunteering when she can. She is very excited about graduating and even more excited to start college.

"My future plans are to graduate from East Central," said Madelyn. "After that I will continue on to a career."

MaKenzie Wartchow

MaKenzie, daughter Mark and Elizabeth Wartchow, of Roff, Okla., is a March 2012

recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement.

MaKenzie is in the second grade at Roff Elementary and was nominated by second grade teacher Tara Burns.

"MaKenzie has shown outstanding academic achievement in all areas of second grade," said Ms. Burns. "She is a responsible and hard-working student."

MaKenzie enjoys attending church with her family.

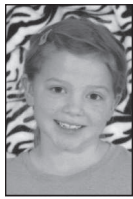
She loves animals and playing with her two dogs.

"My future plans are to be a veterinarian and have a family," said MaKenzie.

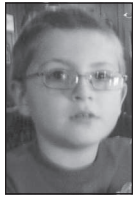
Bo Summers

Bo, son of Johnathan Summers, of Roff, Okla., is a March 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement.

Bo is in the second grade at Roff



MaKenzie Wartchow



Bo Summers

Elementary and was nominated by second grade teacher Tara Burns.

"Bo is a sweet and caring student. He is always on time and ready to learn," said Ms. Burns. "Bo exhibits qualities that will make him very successful in his education career."

Bo attends Fitzhugh Baptist Church and has taken an interest in singing in the choir.

Bo is also in the Chickasaw Explorers program where his favorite activity was touring the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

"My future plans are to become a soccer player," said Bo."

Zechariah Culberson

Zechariah, son of Lee and Lola Culberson, of Ada, Okla., is a March 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement.

Zechariah is in the second grade at Latta Elementary and was nominated by second grade teacher Autumn Deason.

"Zechariah has really worked hard on his school work to

make good grades and attends school on a regular basis," said Ms. Deason.

Zechariah enjoys playing basketball, video games and building with legos. He also likes to go camping and fish-

ing.

"I want to be a firefighter when I graduate," said Zechariah.

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OCU offering discount theatre tickets to citizens, employees

OKLAHOMA CITY - Oklahoma City University is offering Chickasaw citizens and employees discounted rates for the 2012-2013 fine arts season.

For only \$8 a seat, the OCU School of Theatre 90th Anniversary season will feature five full-length productions and two staged readings.

Season highlights include "The Importance of Being Earnest" and "Angels in America," and family-friendly productions of "A Christmas Carol" and "Treasure Island," both co-produced with Oklahoma Children's Theatre.

The Wanda L. Bass School of Music at OCU will present six opera and musical theater productions throughout the year

including "Into the Woods," "The Barber of Seville" and "Legally Blond."

Additionally, the Bass School of Music will host 10 special performances as part of the school's Distinguished Artists Series.

Opera and music theater tickets are only \$10 and Distinguished Artists seats cost just \$5.

Any Chickasaw citizen or employee can receive the discounted price when purchasing tickets simply by using the discount code: CHICKASAW.

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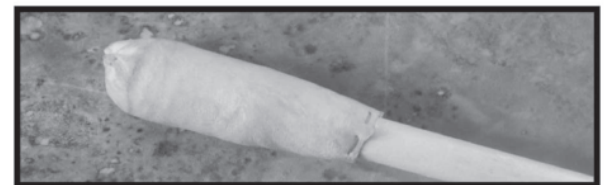
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Students learn about tribal justice system at court camp



Court campers in the Chickasaw Nation legislative chambers learn how laws are made.

A three-day clinic educating students about the tribe's legal system brings students up close with the Chickasaw judicial system. At Camp students learn leadership and growth. A total of 43 students, ages 10 to 16, participated in July events explaining the roles of the Judicial, Legislative and Executive departments of the Chickasaw Nation.

Activities at the camp in-

cluded touring the Chickasaw museum and Capitol Building in Tishomingo to learn the history of the Chickasaw legal system. The CLEET Academy, located in Ada, welcomed the students as they learned about law enforcement, public safety and the professionalism it requires to be within the ranks of Oklahoma law enforcement.

According to 12-year-old Clayton Scott, of Davis, Okla.,

the Pontotoc County Jail was most interesting.

"The jail was my favorite part of the camp," Clayton said. "It doesn't seem like it would be fun to be in there."

Students were introduced to individuals who support the Chickasaw courts. The roles of the Lighthorse Police, judges, justices, peacemakers and court clerks were detailed. The event climaxed with a mock trial where students played the roles of those involved in a court trial.

Gabrielle Padilla, 12, was at her second camp.

"I really liked the peacemaking session of the camp," Gabrielle said. "I like that instead of going to court, you can sit down and talk out your issues."

As a cultural component of the camp, Chickasaw storyteller Lorie Robins related the oral traditions of the Chickasaw people and told traditional stories. Children were introduced to basic Chickasaw words as fluent speaker Stan Smith explained their meanings and pronunciation.

For more information, contact Connie Tillery at (580) 235-0281 or email Connie.Tillery@chickasaw.net.

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Lighthorse Officer Dusk Monetathchi explains the tools on his belt during Court Camp.



Payton Nelson is surprised of the weight of Officer Dusk Monetathchi's bullet proof vest.

Division of Justice established in 2001

As with all sovereign nations of the world, the Chickasaw Nation often finds itself in need of legal counsel and prosecutors within its tribal courts. The tribe's Division of Justice fulfills both these needs.

Established in 2001, this Division consults with the three branches of government within the Chickasaw Nation on a wide variety of matters. Federal, state, commercial, family and criminal law are a few of the issues that concern the Chickasaw Nation. The Division of Justice assists all the departments within the Chickasaw tribal government by providing legal and policy advice, ensuring compliance with

federal, state and tribal laws.

Serving as the legal support role for the Chickasaw Nation, the Division of Justice provides prosecution for the Chickasaw Tribal Court system. The Division of Justice does not generally advise or represent individual Chickasaw citizens unless they fall within the jurisdiction of the tribal court and their cases are heard within this system.

As full-time legal counsel for the Chickasaw Nation, the Division of Justice does not offer legal services to individual Chickasaws. Citizens who are in need of free legal advice are referred to Oklahoma Indian Legal Services.

OILS offers legal assistance to Indians

For more than 30 years, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) has provided services to low-income Indians living in Oklahoma. OILS assists Native Americans who are members of federally-recognized tribes with a wide variety of legal matters.

"Due to the unique history of Oklahoma, there are 39 different tribes here," Coline Keely, executive director of OILS, said. "Each has its own court systems and codes. It is almost impossible for a person to be familiar with all the different laws that apply unless they work

in this area full time."

Specializing in the areas of law that impact Native Americans, OILS is one of six stand-alone programs in the nation that handles Indian law issues. The Indian Child Welfare Act, issues involving restricted lands, Indian housing and the individual rights of Native Americans are some of the areas in which OILS attorneys work.

For more information about Oklahoma Indian Legal Service, visit www.oilsonline.org or call 1-800-658-1497.

Chickasaw Royalty soon to bid farewell



Nacobi C. Walker
Chickasaw Princess



Raechell Meely
Chickasaw Junior Princess



Ke-Ke Factor
Little Miss Chickasaw

Chokma! I hope you have been blessed with a wonderful year!

Being your 2011-2012 Chickasaw Princess has been a highlight for me. I have been introduced to so many different things, learned more of our language and history, visited beautiful destinations and met many amazing people along my journey.

Recently we traveled to Denver, Colorado for the Southwest Regional Leadership Conference of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and performed for their team members. We also enjoyed our farewell trip there and in Colorado Springs. I went rafting for the first time which was awesomely fun, and also rode a train through the Royal Gorge.

Since being crowned your Princess, I've cherished every moment representing the great unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation! And although my journey as Princess is coming to an end, you will always stay close to my heart.

I have had a wonderful year, and I encourage every girl to compete in the princess pageant, be a role model and learn much more about our people. I'm very fortunate and blessed to have met all of you and be your 2011-2012 Chickasaw Princess.

May the Lord continue to bless your path. Chokma'shki!

2011-2012 Chickasaw Princess

Nacobi C. Walker
Chickasaw Princess

Chukma! Hello my name is Raechell Meely and I am the Chickasaw Junior Princess 2011-2012!

My reign is almost over as Chickasaw Junior Princess. I must say I've loved the past year as princess and feel as if we have become a family.

I recently went on a farewell trip to Denver, Colorado with Chickasaw Princess-Nacobi Walker, and Little Miss Chickasaw-Ke Ke Factor. We went river rafting in Canon, Colo.; did some shopping, and went sightseeing. It was a lot of fun and I wish I could do it again.

As princesses we have had the honor of participating and performing at various events around the country. The first time we went to Washington D.C. we were invited to the White House. The second time we went to D.C we attended several events.

While at those events we met many representatives and ambassadors from around the world. They all had different personalities and customs. It was an amazing experience!

We've all had so much fun and made some great memories. I wish this experience didn't have to end. However, I would like to encourage you all to attend the Chickasaw Princess Pageant on October 1 and see firsthand who will be crowned the 2012-2013 Chickasaw Royalty.

Chukmashki. Thank you, and God Bless.

Sincerely,
Raechell Meely
Chickasaw Junior Princess

Chukma from your 2011-2012 Little Miss Chickasaw!

I would like to remind all Chickasaw ladies that the 2012-2013 Chickasaw Princess Pageant is October 1, 2012 and I hope you will enter! As a contestant you will be treated graciously and it is a learning experience you will enjoy.

As a Princess you are an Ambassador for the Chickasaw Nation and have the great honor of representing our people. Traveling, riding in parades, and being in pow-wow grand entries are just a few of the many events you'll be attending.

My favorite event is performing the Lord's Prayer, our audience is always appreciative. We even received a standing ovation after our performance at the Boys & Girls Club of America Southwest Regional Conference in Denver, Colo.

We attended this event in August and this was also our Farewell trip. We went rafting down the Arkansas River and enjoyed a three-hour train ride through the Royal Gorge, which was the best part of this trip, plus the Hello Kitty store!

We were also on the big screen at the Colorado Rockies vs. Milwaukee Brewers baseball game at Coors Field and had a great time at Elitch Gardens theme and water park.

We still have several events to attend before our reign is over such as various tribal Princess pageants. We have made many new friends at these pageants and the Princesses are so nice to be around! It's fun to catch up on one another's activities and exchange

pictures.

I would like to thank everyone for being kind and supportive during my reign as Little Miss Chickasaw. It's been a fun and rewarding year and I am anxious to see who will be

our new Princesses.

Yakoke to my Chikasha people, I am having a great year as your Little Miss Chickasaw!

Ke-Ke Factor
2011-2012 Little Miss Chickasaw



16th Street Trolley Downtown Denver. From left, Dylan Walker, Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker, Lauren Burden, Little Miss Chickasaw KeKe Factor and Chickasaw Junior Princess Raechell Meely.



Little Miss Chickasaw KeKe Factor and Chickasaw Junior Princess Raechell Meely on the swings at Elitch Gardens Theme and Amusement Park in Denver.

Royalty Farewell trip to Denver, Colorado Springs and Canon City, Colorado August 10 - 14



Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker and her brother Dylan (the right side of the raft) raft down the Arkansas River.



Little Miss Who?
Little Miss Chickasaw KeKe Factor trying on hats and masks at a shop in downtown Denver.



Chickasaw Junior Princess Raechell Meely, Downtown Denver - 16th Street Mall.



Nacobi Walker and Dylan Walker waiting in line for ride at Elitch Gardens Theme and Water Park, Denver.



From left, Little Miss Chickasaw KeKe Factor, Gwen Burris (KeKe's mom), Mitchell Meely (Raechell's Dad), and Chickasaw Junior Princess Raechell Meely at the Colorado Rockies vs. Milwaukee Brewers baseball game at Coors Field in Denver.



Little Miss Chickasaw KeKe Factor; Chickasaw Jr. Princess Raechell Meely; Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker at Stapleton Airport, Denver.



Colorado Rockies vs. Milwaukee Brewers Game at Coors Field in Denver. Front row from left, Chickasaw Jr. Princess Raechell Meely and Lauren Burden. Back row from left, Dylan Walker, Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker, Colorado Rockies Mascot and Little Miss Chickasaw KeKe Factor.



Dylan Walker and Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker in front of Casa Bonita's restaurant in Denver.



2011 - 2012 Royalty from left, Little Miss Chickasaw KeKe Factor, Chickasaw Junior Princess Raechell Meely and Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker.

Dates of application extended for three Chickasaw Foundation scholarships

The Chickasaw Foundation announces the extension of three scholarships. All scholarship applications must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline - September 28, 2012 to be considered for fall semester funding.

The first scholarship is the Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aasha Scholarship. The scholarship is open for full-time Chickasaw graduate students enrolled in pharmacy school with a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

The David & Carolyn Nimmo Graduate Business Scholarship is for a full-time Chickasaw graduate student with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. The student must be pursuing a MBA at an accredited college or university.

The Chickasaw Foundation Career Technology Scholarship is for a Chickasaw Nation employee who is at least 18 years of age and a high school graduate. The student must be attending a career technology, vo-tech or trade school and maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Students may contact the Chickasaw Foundation by any of the following means:

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ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net ~email

(580) 421-9030 ~Phone

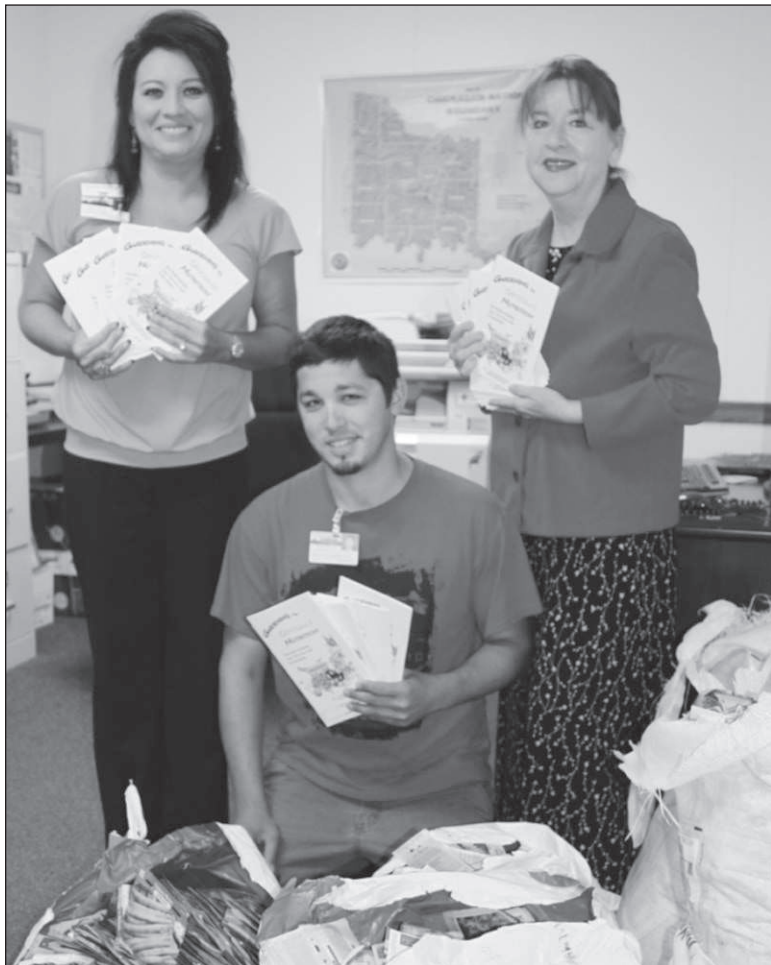
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Chickasaw Foundation receives Seeds Grant



From left, Johnna R. Walker, Executive Director, Chickasaw Foundation, David Correll, Greenhouse Supervisor, Chickasaw Nation Horticulture Department, and Thalia Miller, Director, Chickasaw Nation Horticulture Department, display seed packets received from the America the Beautiful Fund.

The Chickasaw Foundation has received a grant from the America the Beautiful Fund, Washington, D.C., for free seeds to community groups striving to better our world through gardening.

The grant will be utilized by the Chickasaw Nation Community Garden program.

This program is active with Chickasaw Nation seniors,

needy Chickasaw citizens, local community and school groups and other Native American citizens.

The goal is to promote vegetable and flower growing.

Educational tours are given throughout the year at the horticultural site to show how each person can make a positive impact on nature by being a good steward of the earth.

Chickasaw Foundation Call for Artists

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. The Foundation is currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for our art auction during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 16, 2012. This reception is conducted annually to recognize donors and volunteers.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the foundation and its scholarship program. In 2007 the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship was established for any college student with a CDIB majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance). This one-time award is a competitive scholarship offered annually.

If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.



Christie Byars and her grandson

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Chickasaw Nation Head Start students enjoying a visit from the Oklahoma Zoological Society.

Chickasaw Foundation Receives ZOO FUNd for Kids Grants from Oklahoma Zoological Society

The Chickasaw Foundation recently received three grants from the Oklahoma Zoological Society (OZS). The OZS is the Zoo's non-profit support group which provides grants to offset the cost of zoo education programs. These are available to pre-school through high school

students as well as youth and adult organizations.

The grants received by the Chickasaw Foundation were on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation Head Start programs, Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc. and the Chickasaw Nation Drug Elimination Program.

Dollar General Adult Literacy Grant to Foundation

The Chickasaw Foundation recently received the Dollar General Literacy Foundation Adult Literacy Grant on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation Adult Learning Program (CNALP).

This grant awards funding to nonprofit organizations that provide direct service to adults in need of literacy assistance. The CNALP provided Access 21st Century Software (Pre-GED) which will ensure more than 150 students will utilize this software over the next year for skill-based evaluation, instruction, practice and test preparation.

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Chickasaw citizen Jessica Willis works on the computer during a Fast Track GED class in Ada, Oklahoma.

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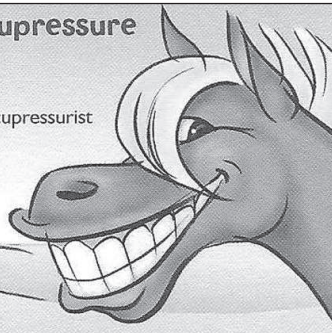
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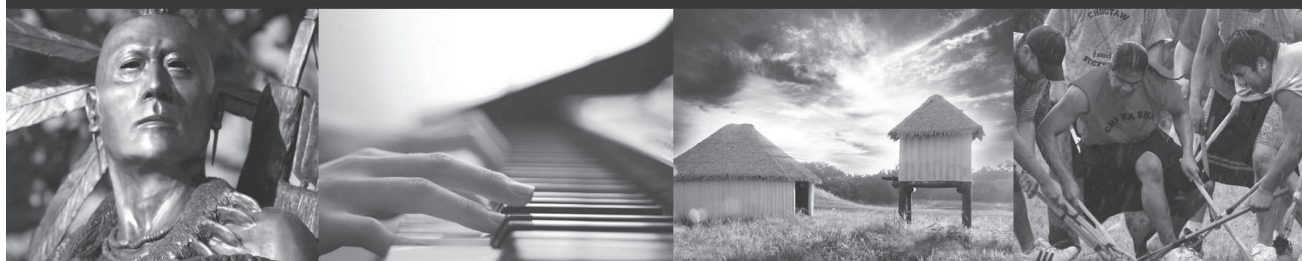
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Kids begin on language path with Language Sports Camp



Jariah Eyachabbe playing stickball with language outreach specialist Ric Greenwood during Chickasaw Sports Language camp.

Sixty Native American students grades first through seventh increased their Chickasaw vocabulary while having fun and exercising at the Chickasaw Nation Language Sports Camp. The day-camp July 30-Aug. 4 in Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur, Tishomingo and Norman, Okla.

Language Sports camp combines fun activities with Chickasaw language lessons to help the students pick up new Chickasaw words and phrases. For example, during a game of kickball, if the player who kicked the ball did not said the Chickasaw word for kick "halhabli" their point did not count. Campers played stickball, kickball and many others sports.

"Camp is fun and my favorite part is stickball," said nine-year-old Jariah Eyachabbe, of Norman, Okla. "I'm learning my colors and numbers while playing."

This camp is one of the many language programs offered by the Chickasaw Nation in an effort to revitalize and preserve the native language.

For more information on future camps or other language programs, visit www.chickasaw.net or contact the Chickasaw Language Program at (580) 272-5315.

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Trail of Tears Conference and Symposium scheduled for October 22 at Riverwind

NORMAN, Okla. - The Trail of Tears Association has announced the opening of registration for its 17th Annual Conference & Symposium set for October 22 - 25 at Riverwind Casino and Hotel in Norman. Special hotel room rates and how to register can be found at the Trail of Tears website: www.nationaltota.org

The Chickasaw Nation is co-hosting the week's events along with TOTA's Oklahoma chapter.

The Choctaw Nation is also a major sponsor.

Participants will be immersed in lively social events and thoughtful, authoritative presentations delving into the history and modern day implications of the Trail of Tears.

Highlights include atour of the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur and an evening at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City. The event brings together those interested in the history of American Indians, historic preservation, and those wanting to protect the trail for future generations.

The Trail of Tears Association is a non-profit, membership organization formed in 1993 to support the creation, development, and interpretation of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

Designated a national historic trail by the U.S. Congress in 1987, the Trail commemorates the forced removal of the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole people from their homelands in the southeastern United States to Indian Territory (present-day Oklahoma) in the 1800s.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause was heard and approved at the Corporation Commission, First Floor, Jim Thorpe Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m., on the 27th day of March, 2012.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested parties may contact CARSON WALKER, Crown Energy Company, 333 N. Portland Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73107, Telephone 405-526-0111; OR ERIC R. DURHAM, Attorney, 6801 Broadway Extension, Suite 204, Oklahoma City, OK 73116, Telephone: 405-843-2760.

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Students visit historic sites, area colleges

'School-on-Wheels' field trips transport Upward Bound Students



A park ranger visits with Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students at the Oklahoma City National Memorial underneath the Survivor Tree in Oklahoma City, OK.



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students at the Linnaeus Teaching Gardens in Tulsa.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound recently closed out the 2012 summer session with the annual year-end "School-on-Wheels" field trips.

This year, Non-Bridge program students visited Tulsa and the surrounding area July 23 through 26 as they took a closer look at Oklahoma history. Students also toured local colleges noting the differences in each as they begin planning their post-secondary education tracks.

During the trip, participants visited the Oklahoma City National Memorial and the Oklahoma State Capitol in Okla-

ma City, participated in a walking tour of downtown Tulsa including the historic tunnels and 20th century "gothic" style buildings, visited the Linnaeus Teaching Gardens, Tulsa University and Bacone College, including a visit to the Ataloe Lodge Museum.

Gulf Coast Highlights Foundation Upward Bound Bridge Year-End Trip

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Bridge students concluded their Upward Bound experience with an end-of-year trip across Texas, stopping in Arlington, Houston and Galveston on July 30 through August

3 while celebrating the completion of their first semester of college. Participants learned at many hands-on locations including a guided tour of the Ballpark in Arlington, where students attended a Texas Rangers baseball game, the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Schlitterbahn Galveston Island Waterpark and the Moody Gardens Aquarium.

The trip ended with a visit to Stewart Beach. The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound staff would like to wish all 38 Bridge students the best of luck in their post-secondary college endeavors!



From left, Phylesha Kincaid, Patricia Lafeyers, Mickayla Davis, Misty Hurley, Lacey Whitsett, Navee McCarty, Suzy Hannah, Ryan Coleman, Laura Putman and Lauren Navarro in Galveston, Texas.



From left, Ryan Coleman, Suzy Hannah, Lacey Whitsett, Misty Hurley and Laura Putman at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.



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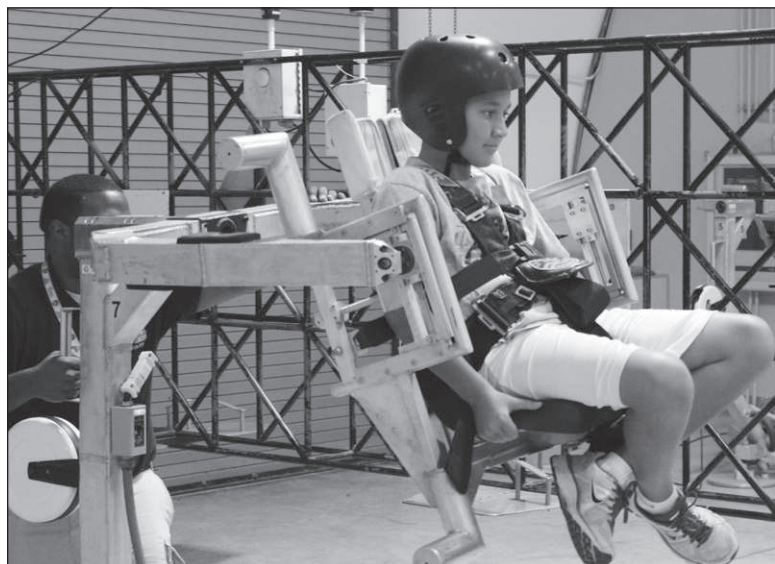
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Science, Tech, Math are fun for CNASA, Space Camp students



Eleven-year-old Reese Hamilton, of Ada, Okla., prepares to experience weightlessness.

The Chickasaw Nation Science, Technology and Math Academy was "All Systems Go!" as it launched into its summer camps for 2012. In June, the Academy hosted the week-long Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA), followed by Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala.

CNASA brought 37 Chickasaw campers, ages 10-17, from around the U.S. to experience

first-hand the fields of engineering, aviation and space. Through hands-on experiments, teamwork and classroom lectures by professional mentors, students learned the problem-solving skills necessary to become successful scientists and to harness technology to its full potential.

"CNASA and the programs at STM Academies use technologies and sciences that are not



Eleven-year-old Cortney Bronstad, of Axtel, Texas, participates in one of the many hands-on simulations at Space Camp.



Jimmy Wynne, 15, of Blanchard, Okla., is mission control in this simulation.



Naomi Stephenson, 11, of Los Lunas, N.M., displays her rocket at one of the many hands-on activities.

limited to the aeronautics industries," CNASA guest speaker Josh Birdwell, CEO and co-founder of RFID Edge Consulting, said. "Programs like this allow the introduction of serious technologies to students in a fun way."

Thirty-six Chickasaw students travelled to Huntsville, Ala., for Space Camp. Training included flight simulations, academics and team-building exercises. Space Camp's educational programs inspire students to pursue careers in the science, technology, engineering and math fields. This is the fifth year Chickasaw students have represented the tribe at this national event.

While at Space Camp, Chickasaw students were guided

through the past, present and future of aeronautics and space exploration. Experiences included feeling four times their body weight (known as G forces) as they simulated lift off from a rocket. Space missions, experiments and robotics engineering were stressed as campers learn the value of teamwork.

Campers were split into three different groups based on age and ability.

"The main difference between the three groups is the actual missions they get to do," Academy manager Oscar Gore said. "The younger group does a broad field of missions, getting more and more advanced with age. All the age groups do rocket launching, simulators,

shuttle missions, and mission briefings."

Chickasaw Space Camp participants, ages nine to 18, were selected through the Division of Education Science, Math and Technology program. Applicants were required to write 500-word essays describing why they wanted to attend Space Camp and what they believed they would get out of the experience. The applicants also included their most recent report cards.

Founded in 1982, Space Camp is known as one of the premier educational programs in the world. Located at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center and the visitor center for NASA's Marshall Flight Center, the campus boasts the country's only full rocket and shuttle display.

Over the years, more than 500,000 participants have attended the week-long camps. Of 9,950 alumni who participated between 1987 and 1992, 93 percent said they took more science courses in the years that followed the camp, and 74 percent said they learned about careers in science.

"This camp has definitely inspired me to pursue a career in science," 13-year-old Savanna Smith, of Tulsa, said. "It also made me realize how connected math and science are. I will take advantage of any science classes offered to me. I enjoy math very much and this has opened my mind to new ways I can utilize my math skills."

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Tops among 950 Space Campers

Chickasaw Savanna Smith honored with 'Right Stuff Award'



Thirteen-year-old Savanna Smith, of Tulsa, proudly displays her "Right Stuff Award" earned while attending Space Camp.

Thirteen-year-old Chickasaw student Savanna Smith won the top award while attending Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala.

The "Right Stuff Award" is presented to the single Space Camp participant who goes above and beyond in leadership, teamwork and technology throughout the week.

Savanna was selected for "Right Stuff" from among 950 Space Camp participants.

Savanna previously received top honors at the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy, winning the "Super Top Gun Award," securing her place for next year's Space Camp.

Savanna attends the Thoreau Demonstration Academy where she is enrolled in math and science honor classes and has been on the Principal and Superintendent Honor Rolls. A member of the Native American Student Association, she has competed in the Creek/Muskogee Challenge Bowl.

Savanna has been accepted into the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy for music composition and belongs to her school orchestra. She plays the violin, piano and guitar.

In her free time, Savanna volunteers at her local animal shelter.

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Math mentor gains leadership skills, moves students to succeed



Clayton Edwards

At the Chickasaw Nation's Science, Technology and Math Academy, Clayton Edwards is a mentor and a leader.

Mr. Edwards mentors Chickasaw students, ages 6-18, in the fields of science, technology and math. Working nontraditional hours and in an environment that resembles more science lab than classroom, his hard work and dedication have been recognized.

Out of 250 applicants, Mr. Edwards was one of 24 educators selected to attend the 2012 For Inspiration and Recognition of

Science and Technology (FIRST) Leadership Program. Partnering with the U.S. Air Force, the program offered a two-day leadership program at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.

Mr. Edwards, 26, is a lifelong resident of Ada, Okla. Math and science are passions. He earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics in 2010 from East Central University.

As a mentor and teacher at the Academy, Mr. Edwards' duties include teaching computer programming, directing hands-on experiments with students and creating curriculum for science classes.

As a mentor in the FIRST Family of Programs, Mr. Edwards directs team members regarding solutions to various robotics design and technical problems.

At Patrick Air Force Base, Edwards received training in leadership.

"The Air Force Leadership program was unlike anything I have experienced before," Mr. Edwards said. "We were pushed to think of multiple solutions to problems, all within a group setting and using real rockets as the backdrop.

"I am excited to try some of the group projects we did in Florida with my students this year. I was able to talk to other mentors from across the country about the organization of their teams, curriculum and leadership."

The FIRST Family of Programs inspires young people to be science and technology leaders with hands-on, mentor-

based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills.

Competitive robotics tournaments are part of what Chickasaw Academy students engage in.

"We became involved with the FIRST program because it is a great way to expand on Chickasaw efforts to promote an interest in science and tech-

nology," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "Mentors and role models in these arenas inspire our young people with powerful evidence of the tremendous opportunities available in these fields."

Completed in 2010, the 7,000 square-foot state-of-the-art Science, Technology and Math Academy provides the FIRST Family of Programs, which includes eight robotics teams, CNASA and other educational programs.

"During the school year we focus on the robotics programs," Mr. Edwards said. "In April the robotics season is over and the staff works on the CNASA and summer science classes. However, our robotic students don't disappear as many are involved with CNASA, either as a cadet or by volunteering to their help. We incorporate the robots built by the FIRST students into CNASA and the curriculum of the summer classes to prepare for the next season."

For more information, contact Oscar Gore of the Science, Technology and Math Academy at (580) 272-5579.

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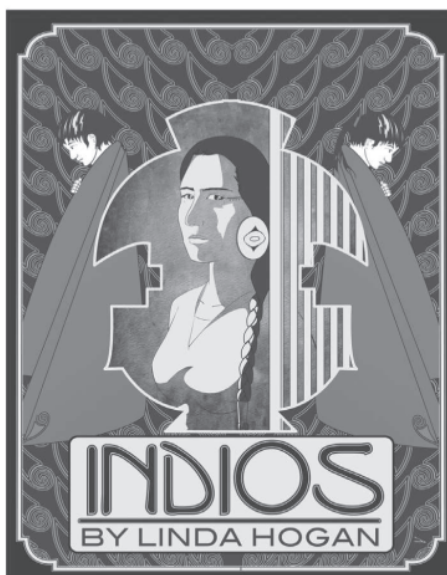
Clayton Edwards, right, watches as his students compete a regional tournament in Weatherford, Okla.

Linda Hogan's *Indios* is an obsidian blade carving a tragic story of the exploitation of indigenous women. In Hogan's masterful hands, this lyric poem reveals one of the most heinous stains of colonization. *Indios* is an archetypal story, but one that still happens around the world. Seduced by the conqueror, the woman, *Indios*, is used to obtain tribal forest lands.... As heartbreaking in its intensity as it is honed by superior craft, *Indios* is bound to become a classic.

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Chickasaw teacher, mom earns MBA from Oklahoma Christian



Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Oklahoma Christian University graduate Gail Johnston.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Gail Johnston received a master's degree of business administration during graduation ceremonies at Oklahoma Christian University August 18.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby delivered the commencement address and he and Mrs. Johnston had a photo taken afterwards.

Mrs. Johnston has previously earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and she worked as a teacher for several years. Mrs. Johnston and her husband, Orin Johnston III, started a family and she stayed

home with the children.

While Mr. Johnston was starting an engineering business, Mrs. Johnston acted as home school teacher for the couple's three children.

While raising the children, Mrs. Johnston completed drafting, accounting and other tasks for the family business. She also earned her MBA at Oklahoma Christian.

Mrs. Johnston maintained a 4.0 grade point average while working toward her MBA and was inducted into the Delta Mu Delta International Business Honor Society.

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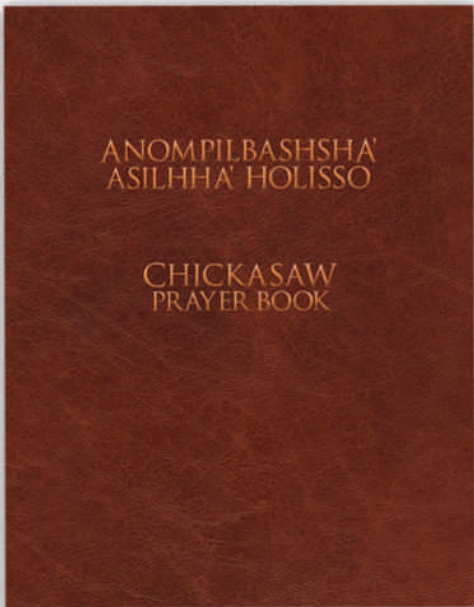
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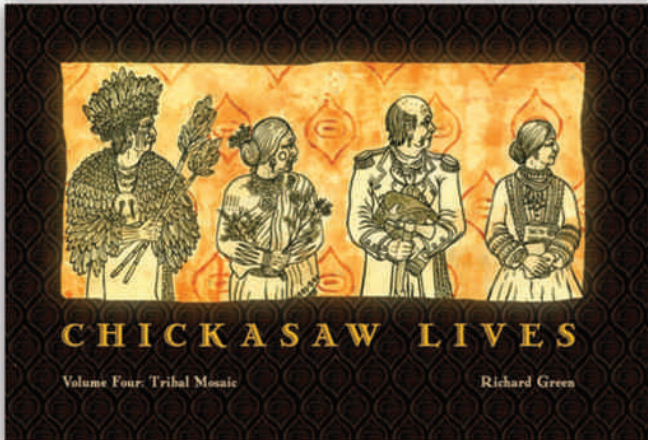
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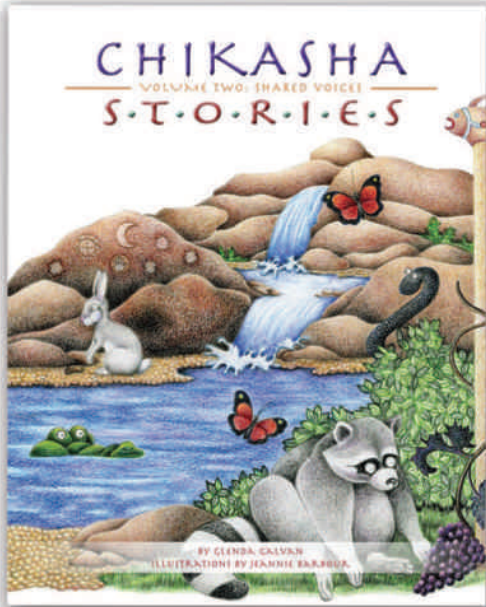
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Date	Time	Event	Location
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Saturday, October 6	11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Press Book Signing	Chickasaw National Capitol (Upstairs)

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Pacific Northwest Community Council



Bobby Benton and Teresa Crane winners of the Pendleton Blanket.

Kicked off with traditional Native American flute music and a Chickasaw prayer, our third annual summer barbeque was filled with good food, family and friends. Winners of our raffled "Pendleton Blanket" were Bobby Benton and Teresa Crane, who quite fittingly traveled from Pendleton to be with us.

Other noteworthy news is the celebration of one of our elders, Janice Tune, and her beautiful commemorative Chickasaw Nation pin sent to her from Ada. It's always great when we're able to capture the Chickasaw pride reflected in our tribal elders.

The picnic, held at Clackamette Park in Oregon City,



Janice Tune

gave us a great opportunity to take our largest group photo to date! We all enjoyed the beautiful sunny weather and relished in visiting with our extended Chickasaw family.

Our fall meeting will be November 17, 2012 at 1 p.m. at the Marshall Center, Vancouver Wash. Joining us will be Stanley Speaks, Regional Director

for the Northwest Regional office of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in Portland, Ore. He is also a recent inductee into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

For council information, visit our website: <http://www.pnccc.org> or contact Kim Factor/Rena Smith.



Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection Picnic

11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, October 13, 2012

Fair Oaks Park

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Guest with last names beginning with A-N please bring side dishes; M-Z please bring desserts. Bring your own place settings and drinks. No Fire Water!

For more information and to RSVP by October 5, 2012 contact: Phillip Reynolds at (916) 990-5003 or phlreynolds2010@yahoo.com; David L. Clubb at (916) 806-4588 or warcclubb@yahoo.com; Joan Lewis at jalloob@gmail.com; or Barbara Keeley at keeleybj@att.net

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Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

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Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

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Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council

Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

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Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Betty Smith at (405) 348-7459
pikeyscrossing@yahoo.com

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Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Carolee Maxwell, 405-527-7676

TISHOMINGO

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

ARIZONA

Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

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Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Bi-Monthly
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

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Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219

LOUISIANA

Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

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Quarterly
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New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
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New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
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Rita Yepa, 505-350-8372

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Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

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2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Charles Holland, 512-341-0024

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas

Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Mark Fields, 210-269-2619

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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
July 20, 2012

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson David Woerz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Kristin Woerz Eddy, Jeff O'Dell, Dana Lance, Michael L. Wingo

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - June 15, 2012
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve the minutes of June 15, 2012.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes
The motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2012, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 29-031, Resolution Changing the Meeting Day for the October, 2012, Legislative Session

This resolution changes the meeting day for the Regular Session of the Chickasaw Tribal legislature in October, 2012. The October Regular Session is the first session of the Fiscal Year and it is important to have all Legislators there because the annual election of officers is held during that Session. Several Legislators have a scheduling conflict with the third Friday of October, 2012; therefore, it is imperative that the Session be held on a different day.

A motion to approve GR29-031 was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Elliott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes
The motion to approve GR29-031 carried unanimously.

Permanent Resolution Number 29-004, Amendments to Titles 6 and 7 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Corrections)

This resolution corrects section numbers in Titles 6 and 7 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

A motion to approve PR29-004 was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes
The motion to approve PR29-004 carried unanimously.

Permanent Resolution Number 29-003, Amendments to Titles 3 and 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Corrections)

This resolution corrects section numbers and adds missing capitalization in Titles 3 and 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

Mr. Woods noted the resolution was tabled in the April Legislative Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Briggs to bring PR29-003 from the table.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes
The motion to bring PR29-003 from the table carried unanimously.

A motion was made to approve PR29-003 and withdrawn by Mr. Tim Colbert.

PR29-003 failed for lack of a motion.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 29-030, Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2013

This resolution approves the Consolidated Governmental Budget for fiscal year 2013 in the amount of \$138,571,000.

A motion to approve GR29-030 was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes
The motion to approve GR29-030 carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

(C) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 29-028, Grant of Utility Service Easement in Pontotoc County

This resolution authorizes and approves a utility easement granted to Peoples Electric Cooperative to provide electric service to the new softball complex

in Ada, Pontotoc County.

A motion to approve GR29-028 was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes
The motion to approve GR29-028 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 29-029, Grant of Utility Service Easement in Murray County

This resolution authorizes and approves a utility easement granted to Bays Exploration Inc. to service a well head located on land adjacent to property owned by the Chickasaw Nation upon which this easement will traverse. This will include a portion of the Chickasaw Farms tracts, located south of Highway 7 at the Washita River, Davis, Oklahoma.

A motion to approve GR29-029 was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes
The motion to approve GR29-029 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

There was no new business to conduct or comments from citizens.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean McManus, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

2011-2012 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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AUGUST 2012 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 29-032**Authorization to Apply for Grants and Consolidate Funding**

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the application for and acceptance of certain grant funds. It further authorizes consolidated funding from the employment, training and related programs, and authorizes these programs to be administered in accordance with a plan devised in accordance with Public Law 102-477.

Public Law 102-477 permits the consolidation of funding (see below) received for the Pathways-To-Success program, an integrated set of services provided by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Social Services. Many clients seeking assistance have significant barriers to employment such as chronic underemployment, homelessness, academic deficiencies and no support system. The program strategy focuses on equipping clients with life skills critical to self-sufficiency. To improve the quality of life for our vulnerable clients, the Chickasaw Nation Pathways-To-Success program will invest in case management, counseling and life skills training to increase each client's ability to reach his/her potential while decreasing the client's dependence on financial assistance.

If granted, the funds to be consolidated are estimated as follows:

Workforce Investment Act Comprehensive Service Funds

U.S. Department of Labor

AB 104640055

\$309,669

Workforce Investment Act

Supplemental (Youth) Funds

U.S. Department of Labor

AB 104640055

\$181,667

General Assistance - Does not include Burial, Disaster & Emergency funding

Bureau of Indian Affairs

\$735,978

Total for Consolidation:

\$1,227,314

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Katie Case

General Resolution Number 29-033**Approval of Development Budget Amendment (Riverwind Sovereign Medical Center)**

Explanation: This resolution approves an amendment to the Development Budget for Riverwind Sovereign Medical Center New Building, Project Number 1207-RWC-ADM-C in the amount of \$5,984,108.00.

Sovereign Medical Solutions is proposing the construction of a family practice clinic to serve the northern area of the Chickasaw Nation. There is a large concentration of employees in the Norman, Purcell and Newcastle area, which due to the locations of the facilities, makes it difficult to have access to quality health care at times convenient for them. The clinic will be located next to the Riverwind Casino and accommodate appointment-based and same day visits for employees and the community at large.

The new clinic will be approximately 13,713 square feet and will be staffed with two physicians and four mid-level providers. Services will include in-house pharmacy, laboratory and radiology, with the expectation to add additional diagnostics in the future. The plan is to establish the clinic as a business entity to be managed by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce healthcare sector, Sovereign Medical Solutions.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Katie Case

General Resolution Number 29-034**Gubernatorial Appointments to the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes**

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointments of Mr. Bill Lance, Mrs. Dean McManus, Dr. Judy Parker and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel to the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Steve

Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Katie Case

Abstain: Dean McManus

Permanent Resolution Number PR29-005**Amendments to Title 17, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code****(Chickasaw Nation Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act)**

Explanation: This resolution amends Title 17, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code to address the most recent technical requirements made by the SMART Office, which is the U.S. Department of Justice agency that is responsible for the implementation of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-248). The original Chickasaw Nation Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act was enacted on October 19, 2009, and subsequently there have been new requirements with which the Chickasaw Nation must comply. These amendments are essential in order for the Chickasaw Nation to properly register and manage sex offenders, thereby ensuring public safety.

Presented by: Court Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

No votes: Scott Colbert

Absent: Katie Case

Permanent Resolution Number 29-006**Amendments to Title 10 of the Chickasaw Nation Code****(Corrections)**

Explanation: This resolution corrects section numbers in Title 10 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

Presented By: Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Katie Case

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting

August 13, 2012

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Absent: Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Steve Woods

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

August 13, 2012

Present: Tim Colbert, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, David Woerz

Absent: Steve Woods

Education Committee

August 6, 2012

Present: Nancy Elliott, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins

Absent: Linda Briggs, David Woerz

Finance Committee

August 6, 2012

Present: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods,

Absent: Linda Briggs, David Woerz

Human Resources Committee

August 6, 2012

Present: Dean McManus, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins

Absent: Scott Colbert, David Woerz

Legislative Committee

August 6, 2012

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods

Absent: Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, David Woerz

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

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Present: Shana Hammond, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

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One of respect and identity
And such splendid grace
Our pillar of strength, wisdom
And above all hope
Whether it be making fry bread
Or conjuring up a meal of meager rations

Washing us kid's clothes on a scrub-board in the tub

Thanks to her, we had what we needed

No this lady never complained,
just smiled and persevered

Had to be an amazement even in God's Eye
She'll never be forgotten, all those she touched
For her Unselfish kindness prevailed
Some take kindness for weakness "Such Fools"
Mother killed them with generosity
Now this old outlaw knows her better than ever
She did not pass, for her spirit thrives
Deep in the hearts of her many loved one's lives
Happy Birthday Mother and thank you for your advice,

You often give me, I'm starting to listen.

Love your lucky son,

Gary Bennett

8/31/2006



Evelyn Virginia Bennett

Pauline Walker



Pauline Walker, 92, of Ada, died July 31, 2012 at a local hospital. Services were August 3 at the Chickasaw Community Center, Ada, with Rev. Jackie Cooper officiating and assisted by Rev. Don Jacob. Burial followed at Steedman Cemetery.

She was born May 6, 1920, at Allen, Okla., to William and Sally Dyer Alexander. She lived in this area all her life and attended Kullihoma School.

She married Simon Thurman Walker. He preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 1990.

Mrs. Walker was a housekeeper and cook for the Chickasaw Nation Senior Site. In 2000, she was awarded the Circle of Honor Silver Feather Award and in 2009 the Dynamic Woman Award. She was a member of the Chickasaw Cats and a member of Mitchell Memorial Methodist Church.

Mrs. Walker was fluent in the Chickasaw language and was a master teacher of the Chickasaw language. She was a member of the Chickasaw Language Committee and had made an audio cassette titled "Chikashah: A Sampler of the Chickasaw Language" in 1994, which was produced by VIP Publishing, Inc. Mrs. Walker was a quilter, seamstress and gardener. She enjoyed reading her Bible and was an avid sports fan.

She is survived by nine chil-

dren, Wordley Walker, Ada, Herman Walker and wife, Opal, Ada, Sally Ann Graham and husband, Bob, Ada, Rosie Mae Postoak, Allen, Gladys Johnson and husband, David A., Ada, Virgil A. Walker and wife, Ramona Faye, Allen, Gary Don Walker and wife, LaVerna Maxine, Allen, Hazel Wallace and husband, Joe, Ada, and Toni Lynn Walker and wife, Carolyn Sue, Mill Creek, Okla.; a brother, Hubert Alexander and wife, Dorena, Ada; a sister, Virginia Bolen and husband, Jim, Ada; 24 grandchildren, including two grandsons she raised, Timothy James Postoak and Darrell Wayne Walker; many great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded by her parents, William and Sally Alexander; her stepmother, Jane Alexander; three brothers; five sisters; two infant children who died at birth; three grandchildren; and a nephew.

Bearers were Thurman Walker, Darrell Walker, Timothy Postoak, Jason Wallace, Gary Don Walker Jr. and Ezekiel Walker. Honorary bearers will be Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, her grandsons and Estel Perry.

Obituaries may be viewed and online condolences sent to criswellfh.com.

Note of thanks

We would like to thank you all for the kindness, thoughts, comfort, food and flowers during the loss of our beloved Pauline Walker.

A very special thanks to the ICU staff at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Mitchell Memorial Church, the Chickasaw Nation and the ones that helped serve food.

The family of Pauline Walker

Marti Dunn Hunnicutt



Marti Dunn Hunnicutt, 69, died August 7, 2012 at Norman, Okla. Services were August 13 at the First Presbyterian Church, Norman.

Mrs. Hunnicutt was born November 15, 1942 at Oklahoma City to L.G. and Artie Lucile Dunn. She was the granddaughter of original enrollee Maggie Mae Johnston Marti.

While growing up she spent many happy times at her grandparent's farm in Washington, Okla., with her large extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins. Raised in Oklahoma City she graduated from Classen High School and attended Oklahoma City University and the University of Oklahoma.

She married Raymond Paul Hunnicutt in 1964. They lived in Kansas City, Mo., where their two children were born and she worked for an insurance company. She and the children moved to Norman in 1975. For the next 12 years she worked in Grants and Contracts and the Graduate College at OU.

Mrs. Hunnicutt recently retired from the University Lu-

theran Church in Norman, where she was employed as church secretary. She participated in many of the church's fellowship events including Octoberfest. She belonged to the ladies book club there and also a group where she learned to knit bandages for wounded soldiers.

As a long time member of First Presbyterian Church she served as deacon, sang in the choir for many years, worked with the middle school youth fellowship and served on various committees. She played on the church's summer women's softball team and was also on the church's RAIN team misin-

stering to AIDS patients.

She was an avid reader and enjoyed writing. Her story about a memorable family Christmas won first place in 1977 in the Norman Transcript annual contest. She also loved music and the theater. She was in the Nun's Chorus in a local production of "The Sound of Music". Traveling was a special interest of hers and she enjoyed traveling in over 30 states including most recently Hawaii, the British Isles and Europe. One special trip she made to Puerto Rico with a team of OU biologists and graduate students where she stayed in a cabin in the rain forest, waded in a stream and helped catch, identify and tag shrimp for scientific research.

Several years ago she was honored to be the labor and delivery coach for a dear friend. More recently she was a volunteer distributing food for the Angel Food Network. She took a lifetime interest in the Olympics and as a loyal fan of the OU Sooners and the OKC Thunder.

She was truly proud to be a member of the Chickasaw Nation and spent much time with

her sister, Lee, and her Aunt Alvera at the Chickasaw Senior Center in Purcell. She participated in many activities within the center including the Indian taco sales. She particularly enjoyed paying the card games "Skip Bo" with her aunt and her friends at the center. She was a good at the game and planned to enter the next Chickasaw "Skip Bo" tournament at Ada, Okla. She studied Chickasaw history and her Chickasaw heritage. She attended many conferences and programs and travel activities conducted by the Chickasaw Nation. She had recently returned from a long Chickasaw bus trip to South Carolina where she was able to meet her son, Michael, and his family for a short evening visit.

She was preceded in death by her infant sister, Helen; her parents; and her husband.

She is survived by a daughter, April Gail Marley (Tim); a son, Michael Paul Hunnicutt (Melissa); four grandchildren, Elizabeth and Victoris Marley and Brandon and Cecilia Hunnicutt; a sister, Lee Shahan; special aunts Alvera Walker and Doris Roberts; nieces Kelly Ramsey (Vern) and Kathy Terry (Matt); nephews, Kenneth Shahan (Amy) and Kyle Shahan (Kyoko); many great-nieces and nephews; two great-great-nieces and many cousins.

She had a fun-loving giving spirit. She was a caring person who respected and accepted all people no matter their differences. She was much loved and will be greatly missed by her large and adoring family.

Friends may donate in her memory to the Hainamosa Mission program at First Presbyterian Church, 555 University Blvd., Norman, OK 73069.

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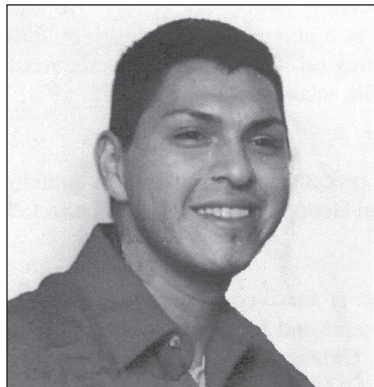
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Johnathan Matthew Hotema



Johnathan Matthew Hotema, 27, died June 27, 2012 as the result of an automobile accident. Funeral Services were July 5 at Pentecostal Holiness Church, Mill Creek, Okla., with Brother Benny Hotema officiating. A private burial took place at the Mill Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Hotema was born June 9, 1985 at Dallas, to James Hotema and Deborah (Taylor) Hotema.

He grew up in Mill Creek and attended school there. Afterward, he attended and graduated from The Roadmaster Truck Driving School in 2010. He had been working as a commercial truck driver.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Cyrus and Georgine Hotema; and other relatives.

He is survived by three daughters, Carlee Rene Hotema and Jordan McKenzie Hotema, both of Tulsa, and Akaya Jaddlyn Davenport, of Ada, Okla.; his fiancé, Kiri Scroggins, who is expecting another child; his parents, James and Jamie Hotema, of Mill Creek; a sister, Samantha Jo Hotema, of Mill Creek; three brothers, James Montana Hotema, of Selah, Wash., Thomas Christopher Hotema, of Chico, Calif., and Michael Lester Hotema, Jr., of Ardmore, Okla.; and other relatives and a host of friends.

Lenora Faye James



Lenora Faye James, 57, died July 23, 2012 at Oklahoma City, Okla. Graveside services were July 26, at Nelda Cemetery, Carter County, Okla., with Reverend Jessie Pacheco and Reverend Allen Beck officiating.

She was born February 12, 1955 at Talihina, Okla., to Alex James and Larine (Johnson) James.

She was a graduate of Dickson (OK) High School and attended Aladdin Beauty College.

She was a waitress for most of her life at various restaurants throughout the community. Her last place of employment was IHOP. She mostly enjoyed playing softball and was an avid bingo player. She also enjoyed working puzzles and quilting, but her favorite pastime was spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Alex James; her mother, Larine Christie; and a brother, Kenneth James.

She is survived by two daughters Lori Davis and significant other, Francisco Hernandez, of Wilson, Okla., and Gina Davis and significant other, Pedro Huerta, of Ardmore, Okla., a son, Steven Davis, of Ardmore; eight grandchildren, Lydia Hernandez, Francisco Hernandez, Jr., Barbarito Hernandez, and Alondra Hernandez, all of Wilson, Alex Davis, Jorge Davis, Gabriella Huerta, and Malia Huerta, all of Ardmore; a sister, Marilyn Cooper; brothers, Glen James, Dennis James, Mark James, Patrick James and wife, Lynne, all of Ardmore; an aunt, Lucille Wallace, of Ardmore; and a host of family and friends.

Pallbearers were Matthew James, Anthony James, Thomas James, Mond Davis, Glenn Davis, and Bobby Thomas.

Condolences may be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com

Leta Diane Milam



Leta Diane Milam, 56, Ada, Okla., formerly of Seminole, Okla., died July 30, 2012 surrounded by her loving family and friends who supported and cared for her during her courageous battle with cancer. Funeral services were August 3 at Swearingen Funeral Home Chapel with Earl Hood officiating. Burial followed at Maple Grove Cemetery.

She was born June 27, 1956 at Shawnee, Okla., to Odell and Geraldine (Burnett) Bolin. She was the granddaughter of original Chickasaw enrollee Hariett Immotichay Burnett.

She served as secretary at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School for over 20 years. She was not, just the secretary, but a mentor to many young boys and girls who called her "friend". She was loved by her co-workers, who were deeply saddened when her health would no longer allow her to work. She continued to be their friend and they were always there for her.

She was a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Geraldine (Burnett) Bolin; her father, Odell Bolin; and a sister Patty Raba.

She is survived by the two loves of her life, sons David and Jesse Milam, both of Ada; a sister Barbara Black, of South Portland, Maine; and many loving nephews, nieces, cousins, friends as well as her Aunt Betty Bolin, who became a source of strength to her, after her mother's death; her constant devoted granddog, Oscar, and grandcat, Brutus.

Her trust in God, love for her family, shopping and sense of humor, were the gifts she used to help her through her struggles.

Casket bearers were David Milam, Jesse Milam, Gary Barnes, Kevin Beck, Bill Bolin and Gary Kiker.

Leo S. Parks



Leo S. Parks, 66, of Las Cruces, N.M., died July 22, 2012. Services were July 26, 2012 at Las Cruces, NM.

He was born Dec. 21, 1945 at Rincon, N.M., to KC Parks and Josephine Clark-Parks.

He was an enrolled tribal member of the Chickasaw Nation and grandson of original enrollee Phoebe (Julia) Underwood.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army and was a Vietnam veteran. Mr. Parks was awarded multiple recognitions including the Purple Heart and Bronze Star medal. He was active in the local VFW helping to passionately fight for member benefits. Pops, as he was known to his children and grandchildren, lived life to the fullest and enjoyed spending time with them. He loved his horses and shared many good times riding with family and friends.

Being surrounded by his family and friends brought him true happiness. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, KC Parks and Josephine Clark-Parks; a daughter, Margo Ann Parks; a sister, Virginia Parks-Medina; and a "Primo/Hermanos" Fernando Clark and Connie Joe Hewitt.

He is survived by his children, Leo S. Parks Jr, Marie Parks, Lawrence Parks, Tanya Parks-Lucero, KC Parks, Joyce Parks and Leonel Parks; his siblings in California, Janet Parks-Drescher and KC Parks Jr.; and many grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Lillian Marie Brashier

Lillian Marie Brashier, 88, of Ada, Okla., died July 31, 2012, at a local hospital. Services were August 4 at the Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Stan Smith officiating. Burial followed at Condon Grove Cemetery near Milburn, Okla.

She was born May 3, 1924, at Stonewall, Okla., to Edmon and Ada Burris Reed. She lived in this area all her life and attended Stonewall schools. She graduated from Stonewall High School.

She married Montana "Corky" Brashier on Jan. 26, 1942, in Coal County. He preceded her in death on Aug. 5, 1987. Mrs. Brashier was a homemaker and of the Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband; four sons, Wayne Brashier, Darl Brashier, Gary Brashier and Ronald Brashier; a brother, Hampton Reed; a sister, Ruby Seeley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is survived by three daughters, Sandra Durant and husband, Gene, of Fittstown, Okla., Debbie Ballard, of Ada and Donna McCurry, of Latta, Okla.; a son, Larry Brashier and wife, Angie, of Ada; her grandchildren, Gayla LeFlore, Darl Durant, Rachael Howard, Dana McCurry, Dalton Brashier, Dakota Brashier and Mandy Bowman; and great-grandchildren, KraSarah, Montana, Connor, Chandler, Jagger, Keele, Randis, Ryan, Ashton and Caden.

Bearers will be Ronnie Clifford, James Harris, Dalton Brashier, Darl Durant, Dakota Brashier, Chandler Williams and Randis Gray. Honorary bearers will be Montana Durant, Jagger Williams, Connor LeFlore, Ashton Bowman and Caden Bowman.

Obituaries may be viewed and online condolences sent to criswellfh.com



2012

52nd Annual Meeting and 24th Chickasaw Festival

DAY/DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday, September 28th	8:00 pm- 2:00 AM	Stomp Dance	Kullihoma
Saturday, September 29th	7:30 AM	Golf Tournament Registration	Tishomingo Golf Course
	9:00 AM	Golf Tournament Begins	Tishomingo Golf Course
	10:00 AM	Traditional Corn Stalk Shoot	Kullihoma Softball Fields
	9:00 AM	Jr. Olympics Registration	THS Football Field
	9:00 AM	Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament	MSC / J.C. Sports Complex
	10:00 AM	Jr. Olympics Begins	THS Football Field
	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw Senior Olympics	Pennington Park
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (Open)	Sulphur
Sunday, September 30th	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (Open)	Sulphur
Monday, October 1	6:00 PM	Princess Pageant	Ada Cougar Activity Center
Tuesday, October 2 - Thru - Friday, October 5	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Cultural School Tours	Capitol
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Tours of Tishomingo Museums, Cultural Demonstrators	Capitol Grounds and West Side
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Youthful Celebration, Kids Activities Tent, Petting Zoo, Inflatables	Capitol Grounds and West Side
	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (Open)	Sulphur
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Mike Larsen Elders Exhibit	CCC Exhibit Hall
	9:00 AM-4:00PM	Chickasaw Bank Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
Thursday, October 4	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Arts & Culture Awards	CCC/Sulphur
	4 PM-8 PM	Cultural Evening	CCC/Sulphur
Friday, October 5	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Southeastern Art Show and Market	Capitol Grounds West Side
	8:00 PM - Until Finish	Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo	Tishomingo Tee Pee Arena
Saturday, October 6	8:00 AM	Chickasaw Citizen Registration	MSC Student Center
	9:00 AM	State of the Nation Address	MSC Fletcher Auditorium
	9:00 AM	Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments (Womens and Mens)	Tishomingo / J.C. Sports Complex
	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM	Arts and Crafts Vendors, Food Vendors	Pennington Park
	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Chickasaw Bank Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
	11:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Southeastern Art Show and Market	Capitol Grounds West Side
	11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Petting Zoo, Kids Inflatables, Make and Take Tents,	Pennington Park
	11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Stickball demonstrations, Dance Troupe & Cultural Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds West Side
	11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Chickasaw Press Book Signing	Capitol Grounds West Side
	11:45:00 AM-3:00 PM	Chickasaw Traditional Meal	MSC Lawn
	11:45 AM	Health Fair	MSC Lawn
	11:45 AM	Parade	Main Street Tishomingo
	12:00 PM	Horseshoe Tournament Registration and Tournament Begin	Pennington Park
	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (open)	Sulphur
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Tours of the Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center	CCC Exhibit Center
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Mike Larsen Elders Exhibit	CCC Aatifama Room
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Aaholiitobli' Honor Garden Tours	CCC Honor Garden
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Cultural Demonstrations	CCC Traditional Village
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Holisso Research Center (open)	CCC Holisso Center
	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Gospel Music Concert	Capitol Grounds West Side
	2:00 PM - Until Finished	Band Day Extravaganza	THS
	8:00 PM - Until Finished	Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo	Tishomingo Tee Pee Arena

CCC = Chickasaw Cultural Center
 MSC = Murray State College
 J.C. Sports Complex = Johnston County Sports Complex
 THS = Tishomingo High School